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Parliament And
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WHEN Sir Anthony Eden and his government meet parliament for the first time since the election on Thursday it will be with the comfortable feeling of a reasonable majority behind them in the House of Commons; and though the governments these last five years have not been deterred from putting through difficult or controversial legislation, in spite of the fact that their majorities were small, the present government must feel that much more assurance.

Achieving of a parliamentary majority is subject to some of the little curiosities of the British electoral system. A majority of votes in the country does not necessarily lead to a majority of seats in the House of Commons. But this time the Conservative government need feel no embarrassment on that score. It has an effective majority, but not one large enough that it can steamroller anything it wants through parliament. What Sir Anthony will advise the Queen to say in the speech from the throne must take account of the general sentiment of the nation as well as of a happily victorious Conservative Party.

IN its very first days of life the new parliament will have to deal with the delicate matters of industrial relations that the railway and docks strikes have brought up. And it is just as delicate a problem for the Socialist Opposition as it is for the government.

Labour MPs will find it incumbent to criticise the government for the situation which has developed, but they will also need to do so circumspectly, for if they argue that the government should act firmer than it has, they will run the risk of antagonising the trade unions.

The majority of British Socialists readily appreciate that Sir Anthony Eden had to declare a state of emergency; failure to do so would have been a dereliction of duty and responsibility to the general public whose interests and welfare are so vitally affected by the strikes.

ON the other hand, no democratically elected Administration likes to apply stringent regulations which interfere with the recognised freedom of the individual. It is acceptance of this which has stayed Sir Anthony Eden's hand so far. The Prime Minister also hopes that the good sense of the strikers will prevail and that they will decide to return to work pending the outcome of negotiations.

Truth, however, demands acknowledgment of the slimness of that hope, and the government will probably have to take stronger action than it has to date. Whether it can play a bigger and more direct part in finding a settlement of the disputes is problematical. Plainly it cannot force the strikers into negotiations, particularly as it is true that both the docks and rail stoppages are due to a great extent to inter-union rivalry.

Nevertheless, the real sufferers—the people—are entitled to have the government of the day make every effort to bring about a settlement, and if that fails, then the necessary action must be taken under the emergency regulations to break these strikes which are gravely endangering the welfare and prosperity of the nation.

RAIL STRIKE: COMPROMISE MOVE

TUC Put Forward 5 Recommendations FIRST GLIMMER OF HOPE FOR A SETTLEMENT

London, June 6.

The mediating Trades Union Congress announced tonight, after six hours of dogged inter-union discussion, that it had made the first compromise step which may lead along the road to settlement of Britain's disrupting railway strike.

The TUC announced that it had made five recommendations for a strike settlement which Union leaders have agreed to discuss together tomorrow morning.

A major negotiating step was taken this afternoon when the TUC first talked leaders of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (ASLEF) and the National Union of Railwaymen (NUR) into sitting down together in an attempt to resolve differences.

Generous New Terms For Ford Workers

Detroit, June 6.

Major provisions of the new Ford-United Auto Worker contract were announced today as follows:

Guaranteed wage payments — supplemental wage payments from a \$35,000,000 fund which added to unemployment benefits will give a worker 65 per cent of normal take-home pay for four weeks, 80 per cent for the next 22.

Higher pay — an annual raise of six cents an hour, or 2½ per cent of base pay, whichever is higher.

Bigger pensions — pensions will build up at the rate of 2.25 dollars in monthly retirement benefits for each year of seniority. The old rate was \$1.75.

Better health insurance — workers' families will be included in hospital benefits for the first time.

Improved cost-of-living escalator clause — pay will jump one cent every time the cost of living rises point 5 in the cost-of-living index. The old rate was a penny increase for every point 6 rise in the index.

Improved holiday pay — holiday pay now will be at triple-time rate.

Extra holiday — a seventh paid holiday to be taken: half a day on Christmas Eve and a half a day on New Year's Eve. —United Press.

London's Hottest Day

London, June 6.

Today was the hottest day in London since September 1 last year.

The temperature at 2 o'clock this afternoon was 71 degrees Fahrenheit.

Bright sunshine started a fire which flared up among 300 square yards of packing cases on the south side of the Thames at Greenwich this afternoon, sending dense clouds of black smoke pouring across the river.

Fireboats joined land firemen in tackling the blazing mass of leather cuttings and corrugated paper. —Reuters.

Foils Attempt On His Life

Casablanca, June 6.

A well-known French businessman, M. Jacques Reizner, a leading member of the French community in Casablanca, narrowly escaped death when unknown persons fired at him in his window here last night.

M. Reizner, a member of the French organisation "Conscience Française", returned from the fire of his assailants and succeeded in driving them off, after they had placed a bomb under his automobile which was parked on the street and blown it up. —France-Press.

The ASLEF is on strike and the NUR is not. Their differences are a major key to the dispute.

The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, appealed yesterday for the strikers to go back to work before negotiations begin. ASLEF today rejected the suggestion.

The TUC then stepped in to mediate.

Its five recommendations for a back-to-work formula are:

1. The conflicting unions first discuss among themselves the problem of wage differentials (instead of making separate demands of the British Transport Commission).

2. The NUR agree that the Transport Commission start discussions with the ASLEF to settle the dispute with the understanding that the NUR will be consulted before any agreement is reached. (The NUR has warned it will ask for more money if the ASLEF is given more money.)

3. That ASLEF agree to meet the Commission in an effort to establish minimum increases, bearing in mind proposed discussions on differentials, and agree to consider returning to work as soon as a settlement emerges.

4. If agreement is reached on the above basis, the TUC will approach Sir Anthony Eden and ask him to agree that negotiations begin "while the strike is still on."

5. The TUC would continue to mediate in an attempt to expedite settlement and speed an end to the strike. —United Press.

Compensation Paid For H-Bomb Test Damage

New York, June 6.

Marshall Islanders who were exposed to a nuclear fallout in the March 1954 hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific have been paid \$6,869 in compensation for property claims, the United States officially told the United Nations today.

The islanders, all of whom have recovered from any radiation effects, did not submit any personal injury claims.

Two "atolls in the Marshall group — Rongelap and Uterik — were affected by the explosions and the entire population of 236 were evacuated. The Uteriks were subsequently returned to their atoll and, according to the US report, "have entirely resumed their former pattern of life and show no latent radiation effects whatsoever."

The ill effects suffered by the Rongelap population were "entirely cleared up" within five months, the report said, but they are remaining on Kwajalein until their home atoll is declared safe for permanent occupation.

"It is hoped that their return to Rongelap may be possible in the near future," the report said.

ANIMALS REPLACED

"The pigs, fowl and ducks of both groups were replaced for animal in the summer of 1954 by excellent new stock imported from Japan and Hawaii. All property claims were settled in full in April 1955."

"No personal injury claims were submitted by members of either group."

"In addition the people of Rongelap are being compensated for the loss of their crop production at the full rate of three tons monthly." —Reuters.

Trek Survivor Identified

Nairobi, June 6.

Mrs E. Barnes of Spring Valley, Nairobi, said today the Peter Barnes who survived the ordeal by thirst in the Sahara desert is her 17-year-old son.

She has called the British Consul at Dakar for information about him.

She said Peter joined the overland party in answer to an advertisement by the organiser, Alan Norman Cooper, 48, a farmer of Kapsabet, Kenya. Three Britons were to accompany Cooper in his eight-horsepower car.

Mr Cooper is believed to have made a similar overland journey to Britain two years ago.

Peter Barnes is Kenya-born. When he left the Frisco, of Wales School here he joined a local construction company as an apprentice surveyor.

The other survivor of the party, Miss Barbara Duhay, a 20-year-old Kenya zoologist, was also a well-known amateur pilot and a member of the Aero Club of East Africa, friends here said. —China Mail Special.

Acceptance Expected

Paris, June 6.

French diplomatic sources tonight were optimistic that Russia would accept the Western proposal that the "Big Four" meeting of heads of governments should be held from July 18 to 21 in Geneva.

The sources said they believed the Russian Foreign Minister, Mr Molotov, would abandon his proposal that the meeting should be held in Vienna now that the West had dropped the suggestion to hold the conference in Lausanne.

French diplomats in Moscow believe that the Russians will also agree to accept Geneva as a venue because of the facilities the town offers for a big international conference.

But it was not known whether the Russians were likely to accept the four-day time limit proposed in the Western notes. This question will probably be thrashed out when the four foreign ministers meet in San Francisco on June 20. —Reuters.



Son Of Car Magnate Killed

Cherbourg, June 6.

Michael John Lyons, 25-year-old son of the head of Jaguar Motors, was killed near here today when a Jaguar he was driving to Le Mans for Saturday's 24-hour race was in a head-on collision with an American Army lorry.

Helpers spent half an hour removing Lyons from the wrecked car. He died on arrival at Cherbourg Hospital.

Police said they believed Lyons was going to act as an official observer for the Jaguar company at the 24-hour race. —Reuters.

Seek Restoration Of Constitution

Georgetown, June 6.

The moderate United Democratic Party has decided to ask for the restoration of the British Guiana constitution which was suspended in October 1953 "during the government of the People's Progressive Party."

Election Gains

Palermo, June 6.

The Christian Democrat Party has made strong gains from most other parties, including the Communists, in elections to the 90-seat semi-autonomous Sicilian parliament, complete results showed tonight.

They won seven new seats in yesterday's elections to bring their total to 37. —Reuters.

"Summit Talks": Big 3 Propose July 18-21 At Geneva

London, June 7.

Britain, France and the United States today formally invited Russia to a four-day meeting of the "Big Four" top leaders at Geneva from July 18 to July 21.

The invitation was contained in identical notes handed over in Moscow by the envoys of the three Western powers.

Recalling the failure to reach agreement over the Western proposal that the "summit" meeting take place in Lausanne, Switzerland, and the Soviet suggestion of Vienna as the venue, the note said Geneva had "excellent facilities for a meeting of this importance."

The Swiss government had already agreed to a meeting in Geneva, the note said.

The following is the text of the Western note:

"The Governments of France, the United Kingdom and the United States refer to their notes of May 10, 1955 addressed to the Soviet government proposing an early meeting of the four heads of government."

"They recall that during their informal conversations in Vienna on May 14 and 15, the four foreign ministers agreed upon the desirability of such a meeting and the three governments are pleased to find this view affirmed in the note of May 26 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR."

"With respect to the place for a meeting of the four heads of government it will be recalled that at Vienna the foreign ministers of the three govern-

ments suggested Lausanne, whereas the Soviet Foreign Minister suggested Vienna, and the Soviet government confirmed this suggestion in its note of May 26."

"In the light of the divergent views with respect to where the meeting might be held the Governments of France, the United Kingdom and the United States, now propose that the four heads of government meet at Geneva, where there are excellent facilities for a meeting of this importance."

"The three governments accordingly propose that the four heads of government meet in Geneva from July 18 to July 21 inclusive."

"An early reply would be very much appreciated in order to permit the necessary arrange-

ments to be made with the government of Switzerland which has informed the three governments that the holding of such a meeting in Geneva on the dates set forth above is agreeable."

SOVIET HINT
Diplomatic sources said Russia had already hinted privately that Geneva would be acceptable as the venue if agreement could not be reached on Vienna.

The decision to propose Geneva as the meeting place is regarded by diplomats here as a minor concession by the United States to other powers. Washington was reluctant to hold the conference there because of the association of its name with the Indo-China armistice which was regarded in some quarters in America as a Western "sell out" to the Communists.

The note did not formally propose a prior meeting of foreign ministers as had been expected.

A Foreign Office spokesman said tonight the three Western foreign ministers decided to discuss the arrangements for this preparatory conference with Mr Molotov when they meet in San Francisco later this month. All four statesmen are going to San Francisco to attend the tenth anniversary celebrations of the United Nations.

The three Western foreign ministers, Mr Harold Macmillan (Britain), Mr John Foster Dulles (United States) and M. Antoine Pinay (France) are to meet in New York on June 18 to prepare for their discussions with Mr Molotov. —Reuters.

Prisoners Riot

Ionis, Mich., June 6.

Several prison guards were injured, two of them seriously, when a riot broke out today in the Michigan State Prison.

The warden of the prison called on State police to help in putting down the riot which occurred in one of the buildings of the prison and involved slightly over 1,000 prisoners.

At last reports, the police seemed to have gained control of the situation, although the state of alert had not yet been lifted. —France-Press.

Arrest Of Swedish Boxing Official

Berlin, June 6.

West Berlin police tonight announced they had arrested Mr Oskar Soederlund, President of the Swedish Amateur Boxers Association, earlier reported missing.

Police said he was arrested on Sunday morning for alleged offences against a law forbidding homosexual relations.

A magistrate's court later today remanded him in custody on a charge concerning a 16-year-old boy.

Soederlund, 61, came to Berlin about two weeks ago with a Swedish team of boxers competing in the European amateur championships which ended last night. —Reuters.

NEHRU BEGINS OFFICIAL TALKS

Prague, June 6.

Indian Premier Mr Jawaharlal Nehru began his official round of talks here today with a call on Czech Premier V. Siroky, attended by Foreign Minister V. Dvornik.

Later, Mr Nehru visited the President of the Republic, Antonin Zapotocky. —France-Press.

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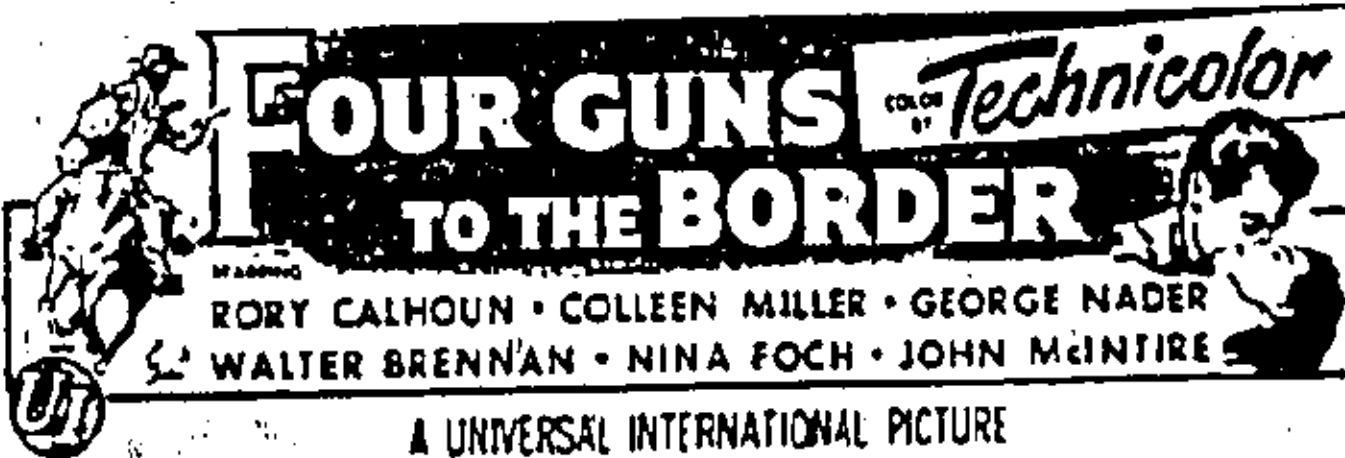


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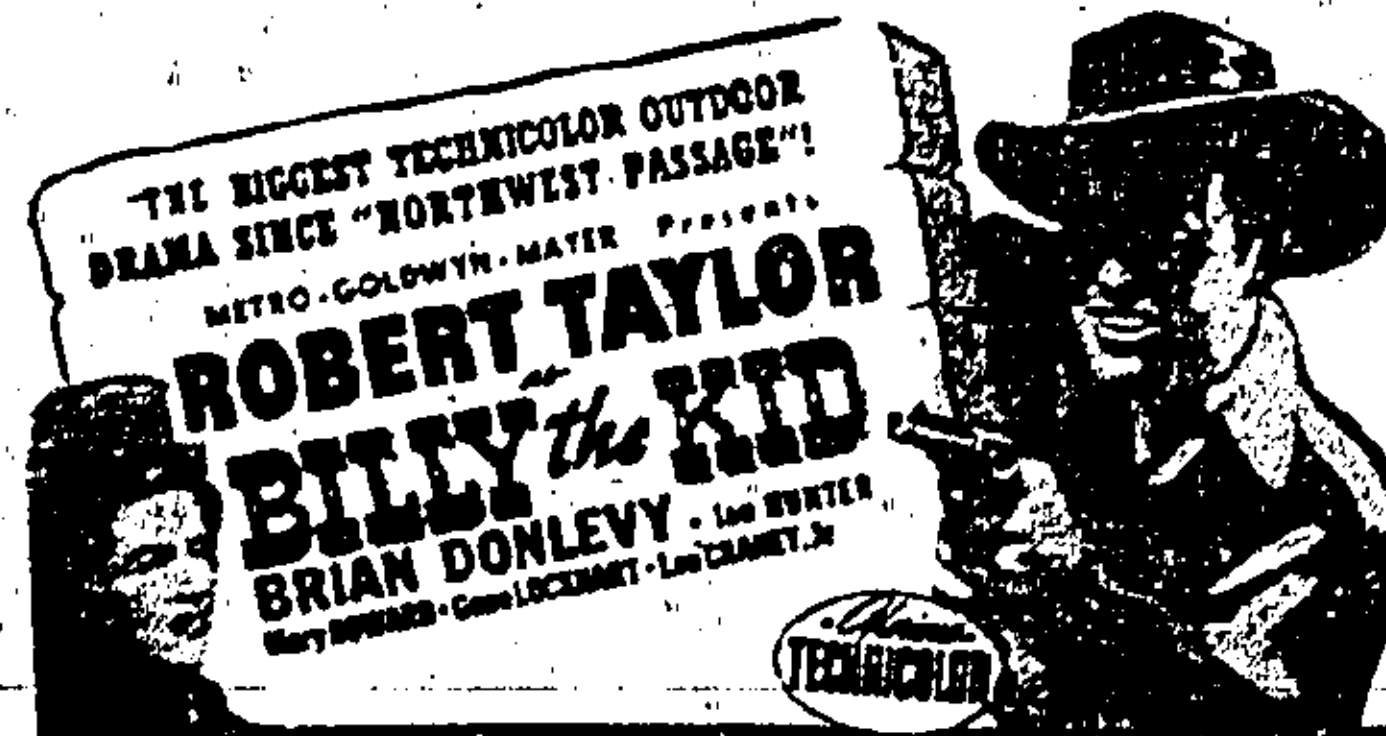
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COURTESY CALL



Mr Jacob Malik, the Soviet Ambassador in London, paid a courtesy call on Mr Matsumoto, the head of the Japanese Delegation, now in London for the Russo-Japanese Peace Treaty talks. Picture shows: Mr Malik leaving the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Kensington Palace Gardens. Mr Matsumoto stands on the steps in the background to see his visitor off.—Express Photo.

RUSSO-JAPANESE TALKS TODAY

London, June 6.

The Japanese delegation at the Russo-Japanese talks on the "normalisation" of relations spent the whole of the weekend and today going over their briefs for the third meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) between Mr Shunichi Matsumoto and Mr Jacob Malik.

This parley marks the opening of the talks proper. It is the first in the series of twice weekly meetings (Tuesdays and Fridays) agreed at the procedural talks between heads of the two delegations.

In quarters close to the Japanese delegation, it is emphasised that little news will come out of the early contacts between Mr Matsumoto and Mr Malik, as there is a desire on both sides not to jeopardise the outcome of the talks by ill-timed publicity.

PROBING TACTICS
The first week or two will be essentially devoted to probing tactics and it is asserted in Japanese quarters that so far not even the subjects or subjects will be discussed tomorrow have been fixed in advance.

However, there is little doubt here that one of the first subjects to be raised—if not the first—will be the fate of thousands of Japanese prisoners-of-war who are still unaccounted for.

Article nine of the Potsdam Declaration of July 26, 1945—a declaration which Russia has repeatedly invoked in her relations with the rest of the world—stipulated that all Japanese prisoners should be repatriated.

At the time it was estimated in America as well as in Japan that there were 340,000 Japanese soldiers in Manchuria who were completely unaccounted for.

The Soviet Government, on the contrary, has always asserted

that apart from some individual cases all POWs have been returned.

A plausible explanation of the fate—whether they died and if so how they died or whether they are to be returned—will certainly be sought by Mr Matsumoto at the earliest opportunity.

On the Russian side there is no indication of how the Russians envisage the talks.

Various comments on matters of substance have been attributed to Soviet spokesmen but the latter have, in fact, said very little since last Wednesday when Mr Matsumoto first made his courtesy call on Mr Malik.

In the possible absence of concrete news during the early stages many Japanese special correspondents are now looking to Geneva where they might be called up to cover the Big Four talks which are scheduled to open there on July 18.—France-Press.

Much Warmer Reception Than Russians

By John Earle

Belgrade, June 6.

U Nu, the Prime Minister of Burma, arrived today in Yugoslavia on a 10-day Official visit to be greeted with a reception which foreign observers found warmer than that accorded the Soviet visitors of 10 days ago.

U Nu, the first Asian head of government to visit Yugoslavia, was greeted at Zemun airport outside Belgrade by President Tito.

He was presented with a bouquet of red carnations by a group of Yugoslav school children—which the Russian leaders were not.

He drove through the streets of Belgrade in open Rolls-Royce with President Tito to the former palace of King Alexander, where he is staying. Flags were flying in his honour, more than for the Russians, and cheering crowds lined the routes, at times throwing flowers.

RETURN VISIT

U Nu was returning a visit to Burma which President Tito paid last year in January.

U Nu made a short speech in English at the airport in which he said that President Tito's visit had cemented Yugoslav-Burmese friendship but much remained to be done in the field of economic aid, and cultural relations.

He will visit several parts of the country during his stay and will also discuss with President Tito last week's Soviet-Yugoslav talks, the Bandung Afro-Asian conference and its effects and other international problems.—Reuter.

Troops For Malaya

What Are The Aussies Going To Do?

Sydney, June 7.

The influential Sydney Morning Herald today called on the Australian Government to shed more light on its plans to send a force to Malaya.

In an editorial the paper said it was five weeks since the Government announced it would send Australian troops to Malaya. "The people of Australia and no less of Malaya and Singapore are still waiting to hear the answers to such obvious questions as what part the troops are to play, what is their contemplated radius of action and even where they will be stationed," the paper said.

"The unfortunate impression has been created that the Government took the decision and began thinking about it afterwards." — China Mail Special.

£1,000 Fine For Smuggling Diamonds

London, June 6.

Mrs Gertrude Diamond, 42-year-old dressmaker, was fined £1,000 here today when she pleaded guilty at Uxbridge near here to attempting to smuggle a packet of diamonds out of Britain.

A customs and excise official said Mrs Diamond arrived at London airport to fly to Amsterdam on May 29.

A woman doctor and a search officer found she was carrying a rubber packet containing diamonds.

Mrs Diamond's solicitor said a man had asked her to carry the packet for him and she had succumbed to the temptation. She was living in "trying circumstances" earning between £3 and £4 a week.

The solicitor said Mrs Diamond's sister would pay the fine. — China Mail Special.

SPARROW STOPS TRAFFIC

Turin, June 6.

The streets of Turin were blocked for hours this afternoon because a sparrow got caught in a neon sign.

Thousands of people left cars and buses to watch as various persons tried in vain to climb up and rescue the desperately struggling bird.

Fire trucks finally arrived and a fireman climbed up a ladder and retrieved the bird as on-lookers cheered wildly.

The fireman smiled, came down the ladder, and said to those nearby, "I don't have the heart to tell them that the sparrow is dead."

He put the sparrow into his pocket and rode off, with the cheers of the crowd still ringing in the streets.—France-Press.

Just Like April Fool's Day

Philadelphia, June 6.

The Police Department took a second look at the calendar today. It was almost like April Fool's Day.

First, the Police received a call that the body of a girl was being carted away in the trunk of an automobile. The caller even supplied the authorities with the license number of the car.

The Police investigated and discovered that a girl was attempting to show two male companions that she could get into the car's trunk.

Later, the Police received a complaint of a water main break at "3731 Gray's Ferry Avenue." Two patrolmen investigated the address. They found themselves standing on a bridge with plenty of water beneath them—the Schuylkill River.

Two policemen were checking a closed State liquor store. With their flashlights they went up a fire escape to the roof of the building.

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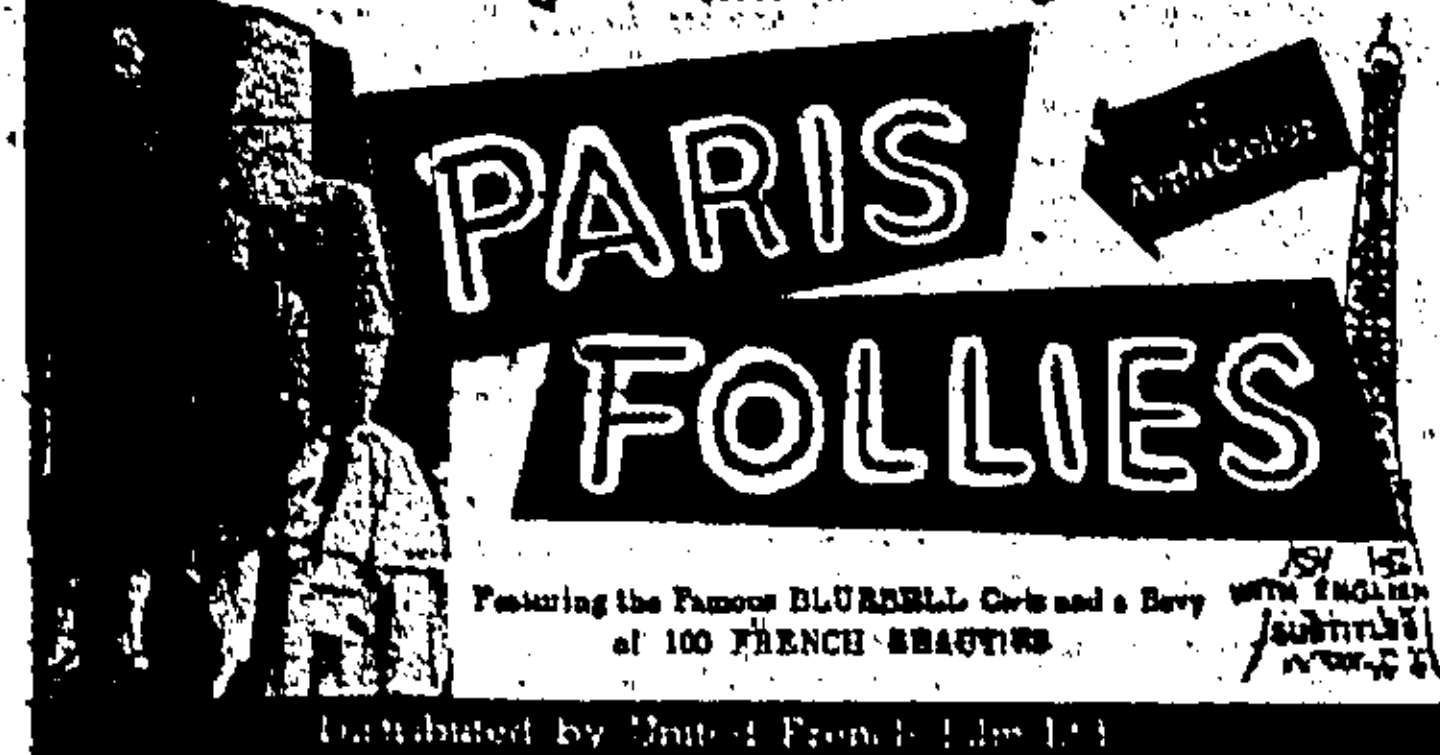
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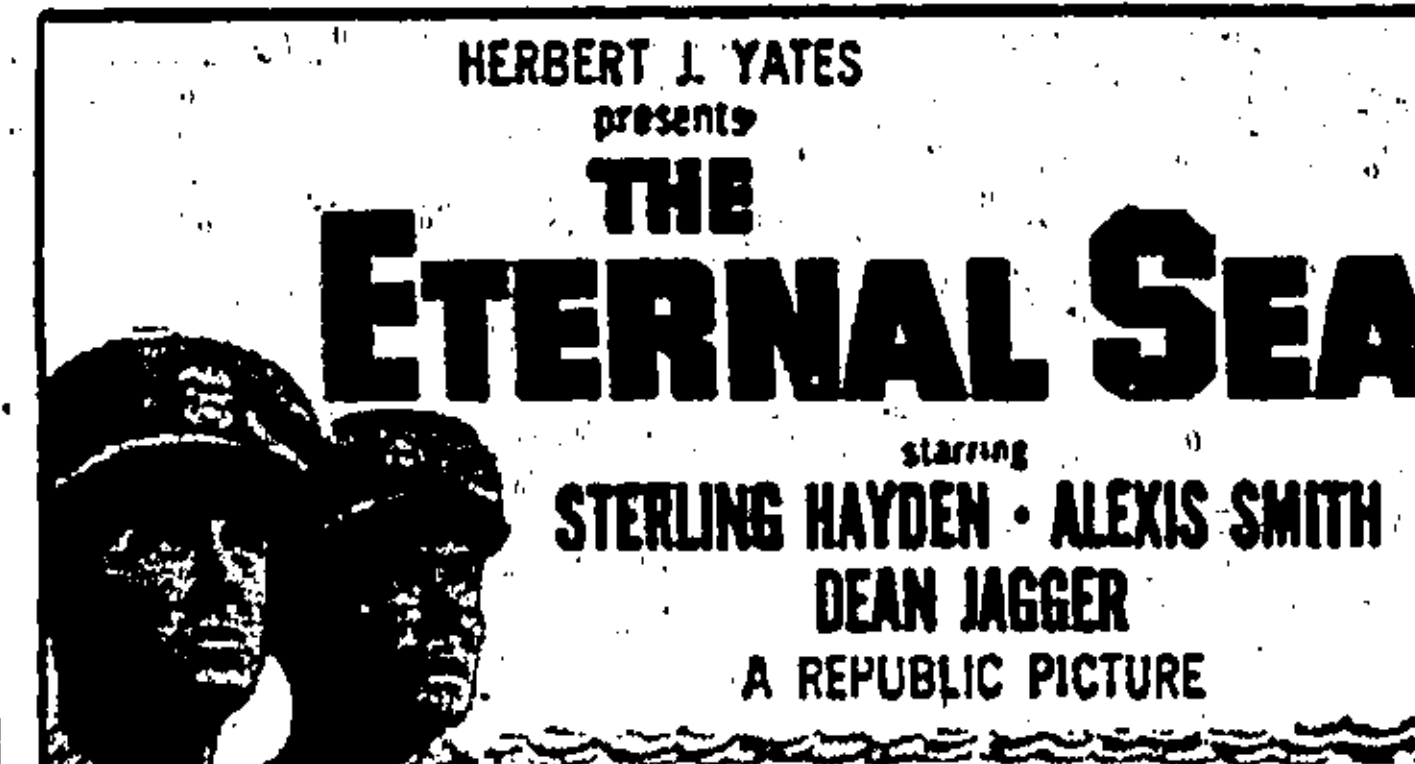
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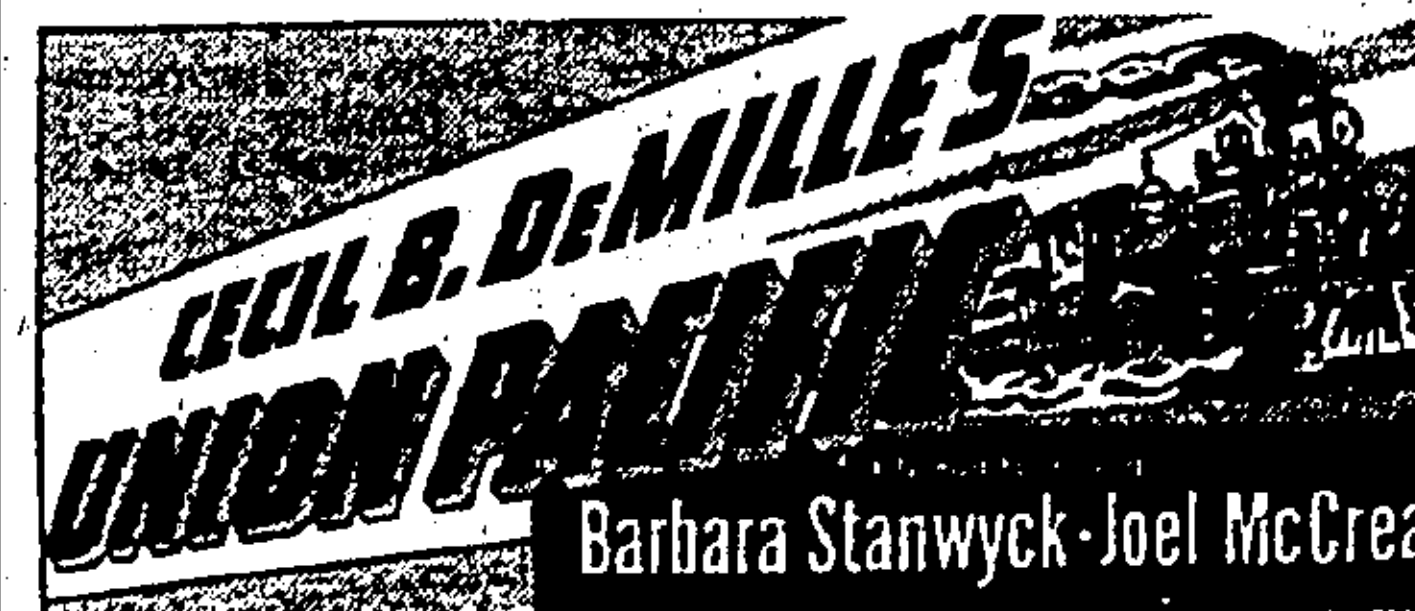
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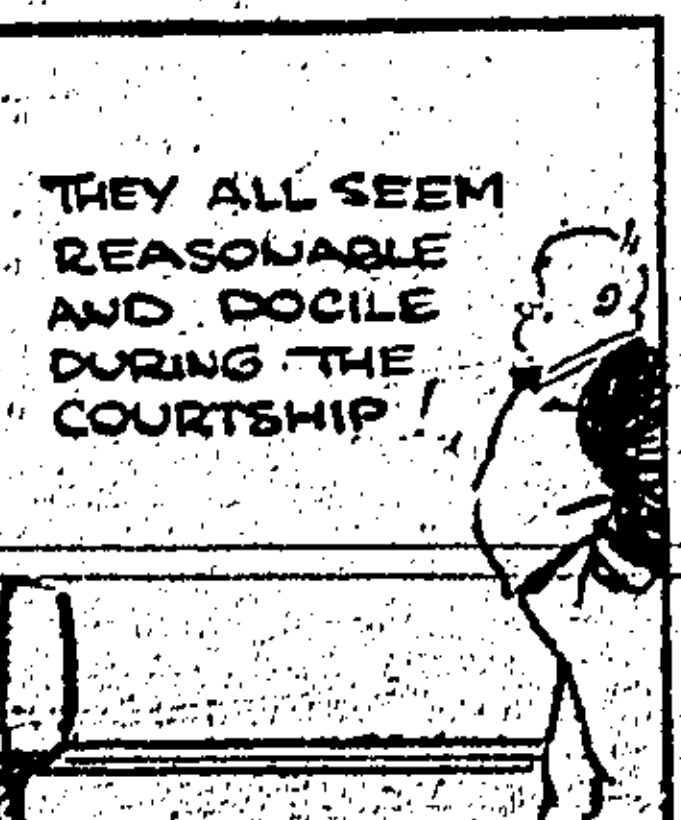
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Rockefeller Coming To Hongkong

Tokyo, June 6. Mr. John D. Rockefeller III, prominent American industrialist, arrived here by air from the United States on a tour of the Far East. He was accompanied by his wife, son and daughter. He was scheduled to visit Hongkong and Manila after completing a two-month tour of Japan.—Reuter.

EXPEDITION TO FIND LOST TRIBE

Darwin, June 6. The Australian Native Affairs Department announced today that it was planning an expedition into an almost unknown part of the western desert in the Northern Territory (approximately Central Australia) to locate an oasis probably inhabited by a "missing tribe."

The most recent clues on this tribe came last week, when two aborigines, claiming to have been banished from their home, walked into the Yuendumu Native Affairs Settlement, north-west of Alice Springs.

EXCELLENT SPECIMENS
These two men—excellent physical specimens—said their tribe had seen only one white man, thought to be William Braithling, a gold prospector who, in 1928, first "found" the tribe. Questioned today in Alice Springs on his venture of 17 years ago, Mr. Braithling described the tribe as friendly but timid. Earlier he had reported discovering deep, fresh streams flowing in a grassy valley in a mountain range near the border of the Northern Territory.—France-Press.

plane output AIR FORCE ASKS FOR ADDITIONAL \$60,000,000

Washington, June 6. Defence Secretary Mr. Charles E. Wilson said today that the Defence Department is considering a speed-up of combat planes besides the B-52 jet bomber, presumably jet fighter craft.

Asserting that the Department is "taking a very good look at everything we do," Mr. Wilson said specifically that production of the F-100 Super Sabre could be speeded up. He said, however, that the Air Force has "not yet" recommended such action.

Mr. Wilson made the statement at a news conference after going before a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee to seek a \$350,000,000 increase in House-approved defence funds to speed deliveries of the B-52, an intercontinental hydrogen bomber.

NOT PUBLIC
Mr. Wilson and top Air Force officials also requested \$60,000,000 more than the House voted to speed aviation research and development work. Their secret testimony was not made public.

The Air Force recently ordered a 35 per cent increase in

deliveries of the B-52 bombers after formations of a similar Soviet bomber were sighted over Moscow. This aims to provide a force of about 500 B-52's by some time in 1958.

The Defence Department originally asked for \$6,100,000,000 for aircraft procurement in the new fiscal year 1958 beginning July 1. The House trimmed the figure by \$150,000,000 to \$5,950,000,000.

Mr. Wilson and the Air Force officials asked the Senate to restore the House reductions and add \$200,000,000 more for a new total of \$6,300,000,000 to take account of the accelerated B-52 programme.

The new timetable would advance the B-52 programme about a year. The Subcommittee Chairman, Mr. Dennis Chavez, said he feels certain Congress will approve the additional funds.—United Press.

Fugitive From Chain Gang Author Dead

East Orange, N. J., June 6. Mr. Robert Elliot Burns, author of the famous book, "I Was a Fugitive: From a Georgia Chain Gang," died today at the Veterans Hospital here, following a long illness.

He was 65 years old. Mr. Burns, whose book was made into a sensational motion picture, escaped from a Georgia chain gang twice to which he had been sentenced for participating in an armed robbery of \$5 from a grocery store.

His book and the movie made from it was one of the factors which led to the abolition of chain gangs in Georgia in 1949. Mr. Burns' civil rights were restored in Georgia in 1945.—France-Press.

VATICAN ACTION AGAINST NOVEL

Vatican City, June 6. Italian authorities have begun legal action against the novel, "The Keys of St. Peter," by French author, Roger Peyrefitte, the Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano, announced here today.

Action is being taken "for offence against the person of the sovereign Pontiff, the Church and religion and for obscenity," the paper said.

The newspaper said the work, by a former diplomat who had previously created a controversy with his novels entitled "The Embassies" and "The End of the Embassies" was a "shameful pamphlet."

The work about a young seminarian who comes to the Vatican and is engaged in intrigues and adventures, is now being serialised in a condensed version in an Italian weekly.—France-Press.



Princess Margaret talks with Mrs. Gerald Lascelles, wife of her cousin, at a charity fair in St. James's Palace. The Princess wore a low-cut, scooped neckline, full skirted, emerald taffeta dress, with a tiny matching hat swathed with white mousseline.—Express Photo.

Present Soviet Policy BREAK GERMANY OUT OF FREE NATIONS UNION

Washington, June 6. Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, the West German Foreign Minister-designate, said in an interview published today that the real meaning of present Soviet policy was to try to break Germany out of the union of free nations and finally to push the United States out of Europe.

Dr. von Brentano in the interview published by the magazine *U.S. News and World Report*, predicted that the Soviet would fail in this aim.

LEAD TO ISOLATION
Dr. von Brentano said he considered every form of neutralisation of Germany as unacceptable.

"The neutralisation of Germany would irrevocably lead to isolation and thereby draw Germany into the stream of Bolshevism," he said.

Speaking of Germany's alleged choice between reunification and a divided Germany, Dr. von Brentano said: "Reunification only has a sound and really durable value for the German people when they know that this reunified Germany can live in absolute security and without any potential danger to its freedom."

"In other words, reunification in itself is only a hollow phrase as long as it is not spelled out as to its ultimate factual consequences,"—Reuter.

'Marry More Wives'

Kampala, June 6. Uganda Africans should marry as many wives as they can afford so as to double Uganda's population within the next five years, President Y. Sekubanja of the Nationalist Party said at a meeting held here today.

He said that the population boost would safeguard Uganda's "African nature" and combat the spread of "foreign customs." Uganda does not want an Indian minister or any multi-racial government, he said.—France-Press.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO AIRBORNE TROOPS

Paris, June 6. Only 60 British relatives were at Ranville, Normandy, today for a memorial service to airborne troops killed in the Normandy landing 11 years ago—the other 50 who were to have come were kept at home by the rail strike.

The ceremony was held to pay homage to the 2,000 men buried in Ranville cemetery half a mile from where the first British glider landed on June 6, 1944, opening the Allied invasion of Europe.

This little Norman village was the first to be liberated.

Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, who commanded the D-Day landings, laid a wreath today on the airborne troops memorial cross in the grass-lined cemetery.

NEVER FORGET

He told parents and friends of the men who fell "I will never forget what happened here on the eastern side of the bridgehead. What went on here was what really mattered."

"The spearhead was led by the 6th Airborne Division, the first British soldiers to land in Normandy. If this area had been lost there would have been a great disaster in Normandy."

"That is why I come here every year in gratitude to those men who gave their lives so that we would not lose the area."

Wearing the red beret of the British Parachute Regiment, the Field-Marshal chatted with the "D-Day pilgrims" as they walked through the neat lines of white gravestones.—China Mail Special.

Sympathy Strike Threat

Singapore, June 6. Trade unions representing 20,000 water-front workers have served notice that they will go on a sympathy strike if the Government fails to settle the 38-day-old strike of daily rated harbour workers.

Representatives of the unions, at a meeting last night, decided to present a joint memorandum to the Chief Minister and the Labour Minister today, giving them until Wednesday to call for a settlement of the harbour workers' claims.—United Press.

CYPRIO GETS 7 YEARS

Nicosia, June 6. A 20-year-old Cypriot Greek, Panikos Nicolaou, was sentenced on Friday to seven years' imprisonment on charges of preparing to overthrow the Government of Cyprus by armed force. The youth pleaded guilty to the charges which also accused him of possessing large quantities of explosives—five hand grenades, two land mines and 50 sticks of dynamite which were found under his bed. Nicolaou's lawyer, in his address to the Court, pleaded that the youth should not be convicted as a common criminal but as a political offender. "It is a youth who committed the offence because he considers this island is ruled by foreigners," the lawyer said.—China Mail Special.

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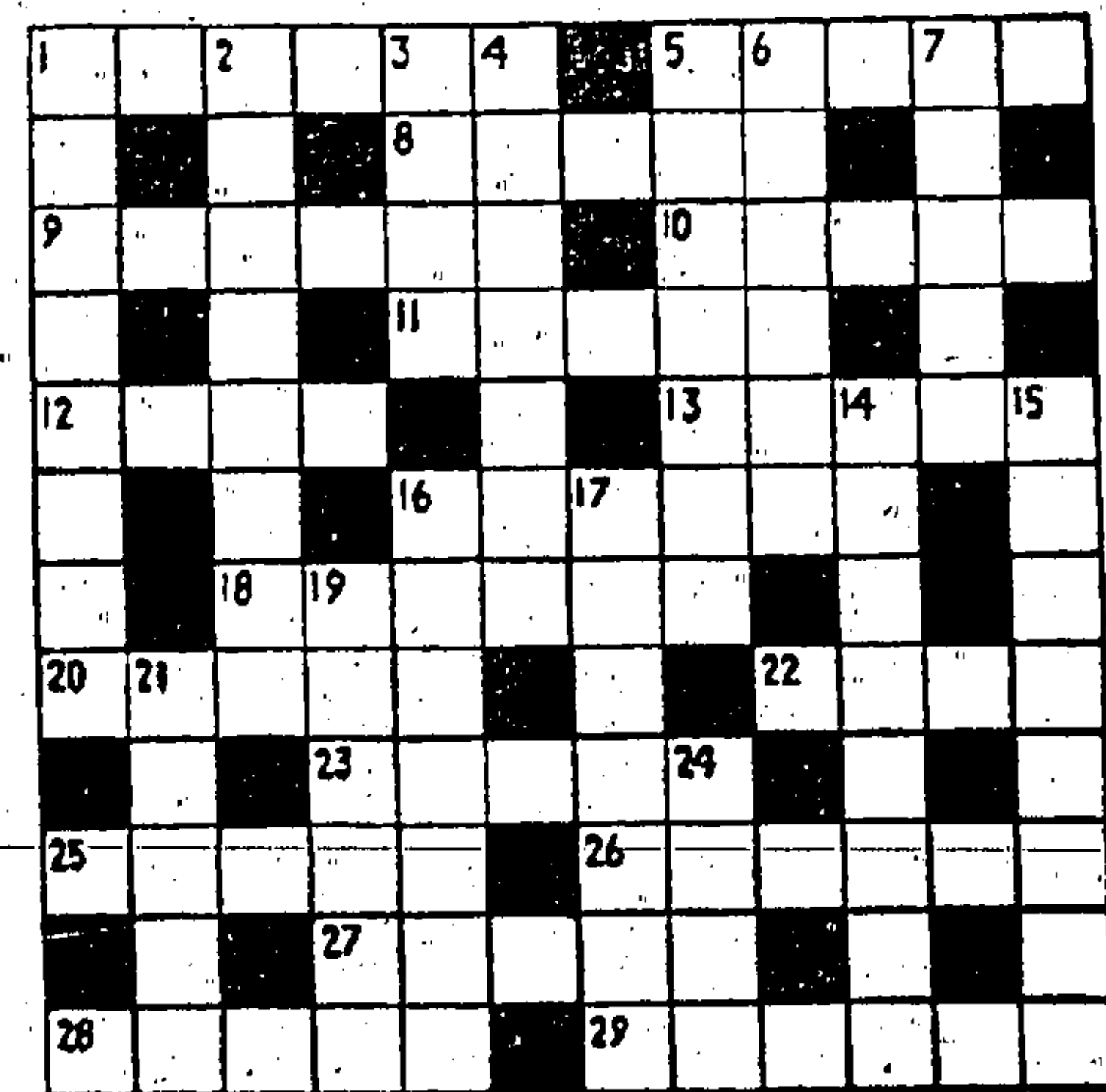
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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1 Clergyman (6).
5 Thaw (5).
8 Song (5).
9 Accident (6).
10 Chemical (5).
11 Souvenir (5).
12 Engrave (4).
13 Tax (5).
18 Distant (6).
19 Printer's proof-corrector (8).
20 Document (5).
22 Stalk (4).
23 Sweet covering on cake (5).
25 Ration (5).
26 Churchman (6).
27 Girl's name (5).
28 Despatches (5).
29 Holiday (6).
- DOWN**
1 Coddled (8).
2 Unsafe (8).
3 Blenheim (4).
4 Came to a point (7).
5 Prefect (7).
6 Bring to light (6).
7 Portable lamp (5).
14 Feeler (8).
15 Studies closely (8).
16 Ragues (7).
17 Wander about (7).
18 Revised (6).
21 Escape from (5).
24 Miss Tierney? (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Method, 5 Basis, 8 Peel, 9 Amuses, 11 Occur, 12 Renew, 14 Fact, 16 Obots, 18 Inane, 19 Omen, 20 Tragic, 24 O'our, 25 Tonics, 28 Anon, 27 Esol, 29 Refers. Down: 1 Mean, 2 Tour, 3 Open, 4 Desert, 5 Blessom, 6 Section, 7 Surpass, 10 Sedan, 13 Disrobe, 14 Pastors, 15 Central, 17 Begin, 19 Orator, 21 Gaze, 22 Cite, 23 Act.

PI-Japan Reparations Agreement Near

Tokyo, June 6. The Japanese news agency, Kyodo, said today the Philippines and Japan were expected to sign a provisional technical agreement on reparations at the end of this week or early next week.

Kyodo, quoting informed sources said, reparations negotiations on a technical level here which opened on March 31 between the Philippines technical panel headed by Mr. Cesar Llanusa and the Japanese team "had reached agreement except on the final version of agreed minutes."

NO COMMENT
No official comment on the report was immediately available. Meanwhile Mr. Toshiro Uraha, acting chief of the Japanese mission in Manila, is due to leave here for the Philippines by the next available plane. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said he might leave late tonight or tomorrow.

Japanese press reports said Mr. Uraha would lay the groundwork for the coming final reparations talks with the Philippines.

? DID IT
HAPPEN?

THE TABLET IN THE HILLS...

Is it FACT or FICTION? Did this story, in our spot, the truth really happen? Tomorrow the answer will be published.

His name was Arthur Hatherage. At least that is what I shall call him here, because there must be many alive who were followers of Sussex cricket in the years before the 1914-18 war, and if I wrote the name exactly they might identify him; he played twice for their country on that lovely Eastbourne ground, the Saffrons.

He and I were both young schoolmasters then, at one of Eastbourne's prep-schools, but he was my senior and better in every way: twenty-five years old, whereas I was but nineteen or so; a graduate of Cambridge, whereas I had only just left school; and a fine athlete with several "caps," whereas I have never been invited to play at anything for any institution in all my life.

A duck

I saw him play for Sussex. I sat on the Saffrons ground, with twenty small boys on either side of me in their pink blazers and pink caps, and we watched him make a fourteen and a duck. That was the second and last time he played for the county.

Like many young men whose chief interest is sport, he was a tough, hearty type; and like many tough, hearty types he professed an unquestioning belief in what he called "supernormal phenomena"—telepathy and telekinesis and precognition and so on. "A very unquestioning belief," I used to scoff—but not too often, because it was almost a religion with him, and he could get hot about it.

He liked to think he had some psychic power, and in our Common Room at Eastbourne he made us experiment with thought transference, table-turning, post-hypnotic suggestion, and Lord knows what else, but never with any results



by Ernest Raymond

In Tell England—his classic novel about the 1914-18 war—Ernest Raymond drew extensively not only on his years of active service as an Army chaplain, but on the idyllic pre-war days when he was assistant master at Gillingham, Eastbourne. These afford the setting of this story. Twice married, the sage is now sixty-five and lives at Hampstead Heath. Favorite recreations: Climbing and watching cricket.

that carried conviction to me. I think that once I was rather shaken by something we got from a planchette board.

Also, like all tough, hearty young schoolmasters he would spend the Easter holidays in the Lake District messing about on mountains and the Christmas holidays in Switzerland on skis. And one Lent term—was it 1909 or 10?—it's all so long ago that I can hardly remember—he said to me, "Tell you what, young Ray, you'll come with me these

hills. Yes, you will. And I'll guarantee that once you've tried the game you'll never be able to give it up. It's a drug, like whisky or women of which naturally you know nothing."

Mountain faith

I said I couldn't afford it, but he told me the cost, and I said, "By gosh, Arthur, I'll come." So I went with him; and, well, if he had completely failed to make me believe in his supernatural phenomena, he was completely successful in converting me to the faith and practice of mountain climbing.

I have been a devotee of that Church, mildly fanatical, from that Easter till today. Not that in those days either of us had really earned the title "climbers"; we didn't climb the rock-faces with ropes and karabins, but only rambled up to the peaks by curried and footworn paths. It was to a farmhouse at the head of Emberdale, right under the frowning mountains, that

Hatherage took me that first time. The Emberdale valley (again this is not the true name) at its upper end leaves humanity behind and forges into three long stretches of desolation in each of which there is little but a stony path, a scurrying beck, and the green fell-breasts strewn with boulders.

Volcanic....

One of these long combes is quite a lively place because it is a highway for all the climbers in Lakeland; the midmost one is haunted, or as near as makes no difference, for not a bird stirs there; and the third is the least impressive, being shorter, shallower and wider, with fell-breasts that do not mount to stormy crags but to green and gentle sky-lines. Nevertheless, this is the one that holds our story Guiler Combe; let us call it.

It is a long trough shaped like a ship's empty hull. Once the dry-stone intake walls gathered in much of the lower slopes, but most of these walls are fallen now, the thrashing rains and shattering winds having long since worked their ruin. Above the intakes the grassy steeps are cluttered with grey boulders of every shape and size; and here and there the smooth grass gives way to tall slabs of green volcanic rock.

Well, one bright morning we walked up this combe, making

steady height as we clambered over the fell walls and then threaded through the innumerable boulders above. And of a sudden Hatherage said: "Do you know old man: once when I was mousing about in this place I came upon a big tablet fixed to it. It was a metal plaque hardly six inches square, and it had been put there in memory of someone who'd died under that rock."

"Died?" I exclaimed. "Yes, from cold and exhaustion. He had fallen and broken a limb, and his friends must have laid him there away in search of help. The plaque said he died in peace under the shelter of this rock."

Much interested, I asked him to find the tablet for me, but he answered: "The extraordinary thing is I have never been able to find it again. I have searched and searched among these boulders, but no, not a trace of it anywhere."

"What was the name on it? Couldn't you find out something about it that way?" "I don't think it had a name, on it. As far as I remember, it said only 'In memory of a companion and friend.' Perhaps someone removed it or the weather has, or—"

The shepherd

But just then we saw a young shepherd coming down from the tops, with a long ash-staff in one hand and two collie dogs at his heels. He came towards us with his heavy-booted tramp and his heavy-lidded eyes. "He'll know where it is," said Hatherage, stopping the man and inquired. Did he know on which of these boulders there was a plaque... a tablet... a metal plate to someone who'd died.

"Plat?" The man nodded three times and was silent. We imagined that his silence was pregnant with knowledge, that no news was good news but when he came out of it, he said:

"I can't say as I know owt about any plate meslin'—no, I don't, and I been on 'Tells since I was a bairn. Sorry, mister. Happen it war in some other place, Aye, mebbe."

So we thanked him and went on, and Hatherage, said, "Strange—I don't know—but I sometimes wonder, Ray, could I perhaps have dreamed it all?"

Something like that was what he said to me on this bright, sunny day. To his exact words, I will not swear, because, behind two wars, it all seems like a hundred years ago.

We went, I think, three times to Emberdale, and then the 1914-18 war came and I lost all touch with Arthur Hatherage. For some years I wondered if he'd been killed in France; he was of just the right age for that and of just the right temperament, venturesome and tool-hardy; but I never heard of any such thing.



Indeed, after 10 or a dozen years I had quite forgotten his existence, as one usually does with friends of school or college days.

Most years I went to the mountains, but rarely to Emberdale, having learned to prefer Wastdale or Blithedale, Langdale or Dugdale or Ghyll. And the best part of 30 years went by, and then in 1939 when the war was imminent and I'd a fancy to have one more mountain holiday before the world was blown to pieces, I found myself in Emberdale again because all the other valleys were full.

Not even then, however, did I give much thought to the man who'd first brought me here; not till one day, one particularly lovely day, when the sunlight washed the rocks like water and the cloud-shadows lay like blue velvet on the green slopes, and I was walking again in Guiler Combe.

In memory....

But, as you can imagine, you who know your Lakeland, if this day was lovely, the one before it had been 20 hours of rain, with the result that the lower slopes of the combe, all cotton grass, bog myrtle and sphagnum moss, were one continuous, oozing sponge.

To find armer going I climbed higher—above the intakes, through the boulders, and almost to the feet of the Slabs—as climbers call the tall outcrops of volcanic rock. These, I saw, were much more precipitous than I had thought. They showed on their faces the worn footholds of rock climbers' pitches, and I guessed that most of those climbs were graded as "Severs" or "Very Severs."

Walking on, and thinking not at all of ancient days before the Old War, I suddenly saw, at no great distance below me, a tiny tablet set into a large boulder. And I read: "In the enduring memory of Arthur Gray Hatherage who fell from the Strated Slab above and died in the shelter of this rock."

There it was. There it certainly was, of some metal solid and real and much as I seemed to remember him describing it, "I have never been able to find it again," he had said. Could it be, perhaps, that he had dreamed of it? Or that I had dreamed that he told me?

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and keep this panel by you until tomorrow... when the answer will be given with another story in this series by...

GEOFFREY COTTERELL

Did yesterday's story—"The Emberdale Combe," by Hatherage—really happen? The answer is YES.

SUPPLYING THE JUNGLE FIGHTERS

HENS GO BY PARACHUTE

By William Fish

Kuala Lumpur. A police fort deep in the jungle of eastern Malaya, 40 miles from the nearest road, a lieutenant sat on a log smoking his pipe and reflecting how much more comfortable it would be to sit in an armchair.

The lieutenant knew it would be six months before he could leave the forest, so he radioed divisional headquarters about his needs. Two days later an armchair was parachuted from a low-flying RAF Valetta to land on the lieutenant's bamboo doorstep.

At another equally remote fort the men liked eggs for breakfast. Three consignments of eggs were parachuted, but each time they broke, so that not even the most expert cooks in the fort could make even an omelette out of the resulting mess of shell and yolk. The men radioed: "Forward six hens."

NEW-LAID

Early next morning, before the first cock had time to crow, as it were, six hens, neatly packed in straw-filled boxes, were drifting earthwards from the fort. Later the men reported immediate success with their poultry (one hen laid on the way down), and added: "Forward cockerel." Their first chickens are due to hatch soon. Without the supplies which reach them from the skies security forces could not continue their war against Communist terrorists in the Malayan jungle.

Each day aircraft of the Far East Transport Wing, flying from Kuala Lumpur, near over security force camps and police forts all over the country dropping food, ammunition and the "luxuries" of life, such as hair cream and soap, for which the men themselves pay.

Men in the jungle order supplies by radio, and it is the Air Force's boast that delivery can be made anywhere in the country within 24 hours, and even quicker in an emergency. But to maintain this service means that aircraft frequently have to fly two or three missions each day.

JUNGLE FORT

Each mission presents the pilots with new problems as they take their machines over jungle-clad mountains and down mist-swathed valleys in search of the wandering patrol.

I flew on such a mission with Squadron Leader B. V. Karwin, a veteran Australian pilot commanding No. 48 Squadron. The Squadron Leader turned over Valetta eastward as we pulled away from Kuala Lumpur air-

field, and soon we were over hilly jungle that stretched unbroken to the horizon.

But not quite unbroken. Twenty minutes later a voice from the ground called us on the radio. A very light soared into the sky ahead and almost immediately we were over Fort Legas, a huddle of bamboo huts set in a country once dominated by Communists. Three times we roared over the fort, dropping the week's supplies. At the end of it men in the fort radioed: "Everything arrived safely. Thanks."

NO TRICK

We turned north. "Now for the difficult part of our mission," said Squadron Leader Karwin. "We have to locate a patrol 70 miles from here."

It seemed an impossible task, but the navigator worked ceaselessly on his maps and, sure enough, we eventually saw a wisp of smoke rising through the trees dead ahead, and the radio voice reached us from the ground: "I have you in sight." The messages assured us that the first was lit by the patrol we were seeking and not, as has frequently happened, by Communists trying to obtain the supplies by a trick.

The patrol had cut down perhaps a dozen trees to make a clearing, which looked hardly bigger than a boxing ring from above. In the middle of the clearing four men of No. 55 Air Dispatch Company, Royal Army Service Corps, prepared to push the first crate through the plane's open doorway. Each man was fastened to the floor by a long safety line. As we roared to the clearing for the first time a bell rang shrilly, and with one accord the four men gave the crate a mighty heave that sent it hurtling into space. During the next 10 minutes, as the Valetta twisted and turned between the hills, the clearing again and again to the target area, the men dispatched 10 crates.

VOLUNTEERS

Back at base I asked the men, volunteers all, why they took on the job.

Said Cpl. G. Braithwaite, of Ludgate, Beverley, Yorkshire: "This way we can really help the jungle war effort. We fly every third day, spending the rest of our time packing supplies and relaxing."

Driver C. Lawrence, of 25 Alice Street, Chester-le-Street, County Durham, added: "There's a lot of excitement in this work." He didn't mention that there is often danger, too.

At the supply depot, where the supplies are collected and packed by the men of No. 55 Company, their commanding officer, Major W. C. Grierson, told me: "Our biggest task is making sure that troops get the right kind of rations. It's no use dropping Girdlebrand Malay personnel, for instance."

Major Grierson's depot is a gigantic warehouse wherein every article used in the jungle may at some time be found.

The day I was there, two soldiers were carefully packing a bottle of champagne requested by a policeman intent on celebrating his birthday. But in this case the "customer" had gone a little too far. He wanted the champagne kept so the soldiers wrote "ice" on tiny scraps of paper and packed them round the bottle.

SLIMMING FOR DOGS

By CHAPMAN PINCHER.

A slimming diet for overweight dogs, first tested on humans at a London hospital, is being prescribed by veterinary surgeons.

It consists of special rusks "fortified with amino acids and calcium." The rusks are baked from wholemeal flour guaranteed "free from agents"—the bleaching agent poisonous to dogs but still widely used to "improve" white bread.

Any fat dog, from a waddling dachshund to a hulking Great Dane, can be streamlined by giving it nothing but a ration of the rusks for a fortnight, vets claim.

The "amino acids" balance the starch in the diet ensuring that the dog comes to no harm. Then, to maintain slimness, the rusks are used to replace part of the dog's normal diet.

The diet is based on a formula first tried for human use on patients at the Middlesex Hospital by Dr. A. Kingsley Brown. It was successful, but the results have not yet been available to doctors.

A special high-protein diet has been devised for lean dogs suffering from overwork, such as greyhounds and shaggy dogs.

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THE NILE FRIENDS ARE NOW ENEMIES

By Peter Kirk

RELATIONS between Egypt and the Sudan, which, at one time, were so close that it looked as if the Sudan would join Egypt when she received full freedom have now reached a breaking point.

The cordial feeling which persisted up to a short time ago has been washed away—literally—by the waters of the Nile.

This is one of the most startling developments in Middle East politics in the last few years.

DANCING MAJOR

The present government of the Sudan, set up just over a year ago, is formed by the National Unionist Party—and the union they seek is with Egypt.

The funds for the party were provided from Cairo. Egypt's chief rabble-rouser, Major Saleh Salem, who made history by dancing in his underwear before a tribe of Dinkas, went specially to Khartoum to see fair play—to see that, no matter how much the Egyptians intervened in the election, the British kept their mouths shut.

The Prime Minister of the Sudan has frequently and fearfully recounted the debt of his country and party to Egypt. He proved his loyalty only a few weeks ago by splitting the party and firing four Ministers who thought he was too dependent on Egypt.

But now, no Sudanese Minister can speak of the

Egyptian Government without tears of anger coming into his eyes and the anger is directed chiefly against that same Major Saleh Salem who put them into office only 14 months ago.

And it's all because of the waters of the Nile.

The Nile is the only form of irrigation throughout the centuries since the days of Cleopatra, the waters had been going to waste, until the 1920's, when the British and the Egyptians together built a dam at Aswan, in the Sudan.

But it was controlled by the Egyptians, who insisted that the lion's share of the water should go to their country, although the Nile for the greater part of its course is in the Sudan, not Egypt.

Egypt has taken 48,000,000,000 gallons of water a year out of the total flow of 84,000,000,000, and the Sudan has received only 4,000,000,000.

When the first native Sudanese Government was formed, the Ministers, believing that the Egyptians were their sincere friends, approached Colonel Nasser's Government about the Nile waters.

A SHOCK They didn't want, they said, to deprive Egypt of any of the water she already had, though it was considerably more than half the total flow, but suggested that if the remaining 32 thousand million gallons could be trapped, as seemed possible, it should be divided between them, increasing Egypt's share to 64,000,000,000 gallons while the Sudan would have 20,000,000,000. The Egyptians said they would talk about it, and invited a Sudanese delegation to Cairo.

When the Sudanese delegation, headed by Sayed Khider Hamad, the Minister of Irrigation, arrived in Cairo, however, a shock awaited them.

With a bland smile, Saleh Salem, their old friend, informed them that the Egyptians had worked out a scheme for increasing the Sudan's share by 100 percent.

ONLY EIGHT

The Sudanese worked it out and saw that, instead of the 20,000,000,000 gallons which they claimed, they would get only eight.

The Sudanese were furious, and for three days pleaded with the Egyptians, who remained quite unmoved.

The Sudanese pointed out, was doubling its share of the water, which was a far greater proportionate rise than Egypt was getting.

In vain did the Sudanese point out that the Egyptian share would be nine times that of the Sudan. Saleh remained firm and the negotiations were broken off.

The usual form was preserved, however, and the negotiators retired to their hotel to dress for a farewell banquet.

And while they were dressing they heard coming over the wireless from the department, again controlled by their old friend Saleh Salem, a violent attack on the Sudanese Minister, who Saleh said had been caught printing anti-Egyptian pamphlets. It was at this point that the whole proceedings degenerated into farce.

What had happened was that a Sudanese poet, inspired by the achievements of General Naguib, the deposed president of Egypt, had written a poem in his honour which the Minister thought was rather a good poem and should be engraved.

As there are no engravers in the Sudan he had brought the poem with him to Cairo to find someone to do the job there.

An Egyptian spy found the poem in his luggage and told Saleh. As any praise of Naguib is now regarded as treason in Egypt, Saleh kept it as a useful piece of ammunition.

This was too much for the Sudanese. Without waiting for dinner they rushed back to Khartoum, and have remained there ever since.

But really the victory is theirs for the Egyptians and in particular Saleh have overreached themselves.

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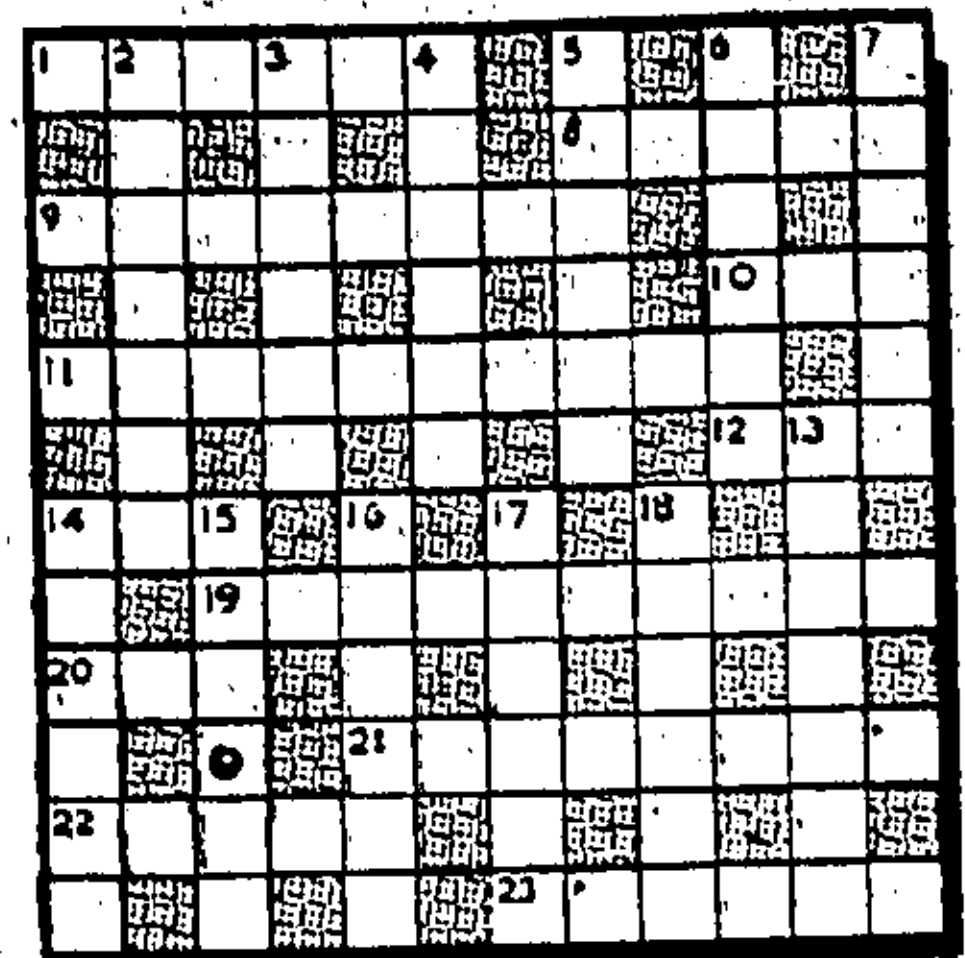
Egyptian policy for the last 10 years has been devoted to securing the Sudan for themselves.

In this, their devoted allies were the National Unionist Party.

But that party now feels itself so insulted—both by the negotiations over the Nile and by the extraordinary attack on one of their most respected members—that they have sworn never to join with Egypt.

Which all goes to show that when you are playing for big stakes, it is unwise to try and score cheap points at the expense of someone you feel to be your inferior.

CROSSWORD



- Across.
1. A bit of cut and thrust does not come amiss to him. (6)
 2. Bride makes a one-way trip here as a single. (5)
 3. Money matters. (8)
 4. In goes out at last. (4)
 5. Also serve when mine host is busy. (3)
 6. The bishop's perch. (7)
 7. The lady of Shesha. (5)
 8. Doesn't sound like a writer's paradise. (4)
 9. Spell. (3)
 10. Occupants of this perform stunts in full view. (4, 4)
 11. Follow. (4)
 12. Draw back. (6)
- Down.
1. Last praise. (7)
 2. Does this describe a small boat's sailor? (6)
 3. Not so long ago. (5)
 4. Pipe, take action at. (5)
 5. Sum up—often done with the situation. (6)
 6. Share-hunter. (6)
 7. Score. (7)
 8. This smile is an affected one. (6)
 9. Act of stepping out. (6)
 10. You may get a 2 Down when you're up! (6)
 11. Understand. (8)
 12. Mocha is a mocha for those who speak this. (6)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

BORN today, you have what people call a "long head" when it comes to business matters, for you have excellent judgment and strong convictions of what is right and what is wrong. You are always enthusiastic about things, and can encourage others to follow in your lead. Sometimes you are not as serious about life as you might be, but you manage to get along as well as those who don't take time off to be gay.

You have a magnetic personality and are often the centre of an admiring group that is charmed by your wit and social "know-how." You know how to make people feel at home and you have a talent for being able to integrate varying types of people into a single, congenial group.

Music and the arts appeal to you, and although you may not use your own talents in these directions, you always will be one to encourage those whom you believe are outstanding. You may become known as a patron of the arts. You, of the feminine sex, have a tendency to flirt and must guard against hurting those who do not recognise this characteristic.

Among those born on this date are: Charles Courtney, actor; Peggy O'Neill, actress; the Earl of Liverpool, A.S. Bursleson, statesman; John F. Goucher, educator; John A. Darling, composer.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—This can be one of those inspirational days. A good idea should be put into operation.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—This may be your day to do a good deed for someone. Help those out, who cannot help themselves.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You should always be self-assured when you know you are right, but don't ever resort to boasting.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be conservative today, especially when it comes to business matters. Look before you leap!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A fine day for new ideas. See that you develop them at once and get them into production now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Friends can mean a great deal to you now. The reciprocal "give and take" is important, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Invite a friend to luncheon or to dinner and to spend the evening. You will enjoy it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—There may be stories going the rounds which have little or no basis for truth. Disregard them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Pay close attention to the job all day. No time to mix business and pleasure!

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Your ambitions for the future are important. Concentrate on them and make specific plans.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You will find it wise to trust old friends only. New acquaintances may not prove too reliable.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Business matters are favourable and it is quite likely that you are entitled to make a profit.

JACOB ON BRIDGE

A Deceptively Simple Play

By OSWALD JACOBY

I RAN into my good friend, Corti Boland, the other day in New York. This won't surprise anybody unless I explain that Boland lives in Toronto and had just flown north from Miami, and I live in Dallas and had flown to New York to take a look at the Vanderbilt Cup Tournament.

Corti was there for the same reason, so we swapped bridge hands, as bridge players always do when they meet.

Today's hand was one that Boland gave me. "A bit lucky," he admitted, "but the idea isn't bad, is it?"

Put yourself in Boland's place. You're playing the South hand at six spades and West leads

NORTH (D) 4
A 10 9 7 2
10 3
K 7 6
K J 10

WEST EAST
4 3 5
K Q J 8 7 6 5 2
10 5 Q J 9 3 2
8 6 4 7 5 3 2

SOUTH
K Q J 8 6
A 4
A 9
A Q 9

North East South West
Pass Pass 1 2
3 4 Pass 6 4 Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead—♥ K

the king of hearts. How do you avoid the loss of a heart and a diamond?

Boland's solution to the problem, which he admitted was pretty easy stuff for an expert, was to win the ace of hearts, draw two rounds of trumps, cash all three top clubs and both top diamonds, and then give up a heart trick.

West, Boland then crossed his fingers and hoped that West didn't have another diamond left.

As it happened, West had no more diamonds. He had to return a heart, and dummy ruffed while Boland discarded his losing diamond. He could then show his hand and claim the rest of the tricks, making his slam contract.

The play is deceptively simple. Declarer simply gives up a heart trick and hopes for the best. Don't forget, however, that South must pick the right time to give up the heart trick—after he has drawn trumps, and has cashed all the clubs and two top diamonds. Then there's no way for West to get out safely.

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East
1 Heart Pass 2 Spades Pass

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

Today's Question

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♠ A K J 8 5 ♣ K J 10 6 ♦ A 8 3

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Chess Problem

By J. C. MORRA
Black, 9 pieces.

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Three Ways To Wear The Beret

Pictured below is a beret with three looks. You can wear it stitched brim up, down, or half and half. It looks effective in white and is also lovely in capella, mimosa and fern, three new spring shades.

TRY THIS



The American sailor

... OR THIS



The pudding basin

... OR EVEN THIS



The half-and-half

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Don't use copper or brass strainers when working with citrus fruits or tomatoes. These metals will destroy vitamin C.

A soufflé will remain light and fluffy after it's removed from the oven, if ¼ teaspoon of cream of tartar is added to beaten egg whites during the mixing.

A pie crust is easier to shape and bake if the dough is placed on the outside of an upturned pie pan during the moulding. This method of shaping also prevents shrinkages during baking.

To give extra-rich colour to vegetable soup, cook it with enough paprika to taste.

To clean a discoloured waffle iron, use a wire brush on the waffle grids while they are hot. After cleaning, season with a little vegetable oil.

What It Takes To Be A Good Secretary

Chicago executive Wilbert E. Scheer, personnel director of the Blue Shield organization, told what it takes to be a good secretary at a high school panel on secretarial work.

"Your job is to make your boss' job easier. At the end of every day you're exhausted. You've been polite till it hurts. But you wouldn't change places with a queen when she smiles and says 'thank you, Miss Jones.'"—United Press.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Smallest Doctor

—He Only Cured Little Pains and Aches—

By MAX TRELL

Mr. Punch motioned Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the stunted-about names, to come over. He was standing on the other side of the room near the bookcase.

A Medical Friend

"I'd like you to meet a friend of mine," he said, when Knarf and Hanid reached his side.

"Of course," said Hanid. Knarf smiled. "We always like to meet your friends, Mr. Punch," he said.

"Fine, fine!" said Mr. Punch. "I want you to meet my friend Dr. Littlejohn. Dr. Littlejohn, meet Knarf and Hanid! Knarf and Hanid, meet Dr. Littlejohn! Go ahead and shake hands all of you," said Mr. Punch.

Knarf and Hanid looked around for Dr. Littlejohn. They couldn't see anybody.

"Well, go ahead! Shake hands!" Mr. Punch kept urging!

Dr. Littlejohn was dressed in a black suit and carried a little black bag. He wore gold-rimmed glasses. He had a blond mustache tinged with red. The ends of the mustache drooped down over the corners of his mouth.

All in all, Dr. Littlejohn was about as big as a peanut.

"Who's sick around here?" he asked.

He was now standing in front of Knarf and Hanid looking up at them as though they were elephants.

Mr. Punch put down his hand and Dr. Littlejohn stepped on it.

"Going up?" said Dr. Littlejohn. Mr. Punch lifted his hand with Dr. Littlejohn standing on it.

Then Dr. Littlejohn sprang lightly on Knarf's shoulder. He sat himself down comfortably and lit a pipe.

"I'm the world's smallest doctor," he said.

"If you're a doctor," said Hanid, looking at Dr. Littlejohn severely, "what can you cure?"

"Only little things," said Dr. Littlejohn. "Just little pains and little aches. But you'd be surprised how busy I'm kept. Ah, there goes the phone!"

Little Matters

Knarf and Hanid heard something ringing. Dr. Littlejohn took a walkie-talkie out of his pocket. "Who's sick now?" they heard him saying into the mouthpiece. He listened for a moment

and on popping the next ridge he said to his delight that the paper had been opened out and driven flat against a bush. Next minute he is peering at it in disappointment, for the paper is blank.

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Rupert and the Cold-cure—12



Rupert is very excited at what he has seen. "What if that is the very best of paper that the Professor was searching for?" he mused. "I must catch it." But the fierce wind whisks it far ahead of him and out of sight. Going



as fast as he can he gives chase, and on popping the next ridge he said to his delight that the paper had been opened out and driven flat against a bush. Next minute he is peering at it in disappointment, for the paper is blank.

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It's fun to exercise with a vivid mental picture and music

So When You Reach— Reach for a Mink Coat

ON the 7th floor of a Fifth Avenue building devoted from basement to roof to promoting beauty here soon will be heard some puzzling conversations.

They will go something like this:

"Start with just a plain tremble. Ready, now?" (A mumble is heard softly in the background.)

"You have to let yourself go. Vibrate sideways... now up and down. Keep in time to the music. Now the shake. Shake the wrist. Let the arm fly off."

"I ADORE YOU"

The music changes to a waltz and the feminine voice says, "Arms back, head up and think, 'I adore you.' Now down on one knee for 'I am your slave.'"

This is the latest method to slim down a girl's figure and make her everyday movements more graceful.

It is an outgrowth of an exercise school of thought which believes you should not tell a woman just to "reach" when she's doing a stretching exercise, but say instead, "reach for a mink coat."

A blonde instructor demonstrated the new technique this week in the mirrored exercise room at the Elizabeth Arden Salon, where "movements to music" originated. Classes will begin immediately for customers who would rather bend, stretch and vibrate to music than to their own breathless "one-two-up-down-touch-your-toes" system.

A mental picture of an action makes it more purposeful, these beauty experts hold. And the music background makes the whole thing more fun.

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Soften envelope plain gelatin in ¼ c. cold water. Dissolve thoroughly in ¾ c. boiling water; stir in ¼ c. sugar and ¼ tsp. salt. Add ¼ c. lemon juice and 1 tsp. grated lemon rind. Chill until mixture is slightly thicker than consistency of custard; egg white. Whip until light.

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BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

AN injunction to "make your old hat look like new" brought tears to my eyes. My old hat looks like old. It was trodden on by man and beast at a cattle-fair in Ireland in its infancy, and not all the surgical skill of the hatting trade could repair the damage.

It is a soft black hat, but it has more in common with the byre than with the Foreign Office. To adapt a saying of Sir Max Beerbohm, it is clerical in design but agricultural in intention, and its shape, if the word may be used of a grotesque felt-pudding, can be changed into any mood. For formal or occasional occasions it is best carried in the hand, and even so its peculiar style of architecture lifts it out of the common herd of hats. It is happiest at home in a dark corner, but it is occasionally an event in the life of some bored cloak-room attendant.

Tindeg

HOW would you roll back new-laid eggs fresher than when they were laid? Snibbo Ltd. proudly presents Tindeg, the most nutritious delicacy on the market. Not only is all the original freshness of the egg safeguarded in the tin (12 to a tin), but strange and powerful chemicals are added, giving it a food-content which no ordinary egg can

COUNTY CRICKET

FIGHTING CHANCE FOR SURREY TO MAINTAIN THEIR UNBEATEN RECORD

London, June 6.

On London's hottest day of the year a crowd of 25,000 saw Surrey make an excellent recovery against Yorkshire at Kennington Oval here today in the English County Cricket Championship.

Surrey, the reigning Champions, were in real danger when the match opened on Saturday but they now have a fighting chance of preserving their unbeaten record. And possibly taking the full 12 points.

South Africans 232 For 4 At Manchester

Manchester, June 6.

After being 47 runs behind on the first innings, the South African cricketers led Lancashire by 185 runs, with six second innings wickets standing, at the end of the second day's play here.

Lancashire this morning lost half their wickets for 75 runs on a fast pitch in brilliant weather, but made a splendid recovery to total 201 in reply to the South Africans 164. At the close the South Africans were 232 for four wickets in their second innings.

The County were mainly indebted to Ken Grieves, Australia cricketer, who batted enterprisingly for 77 and took part in two fine stands. He dominated a sixth wicket partnership of 53 with Jordan and another young Lancashire player, Collins, helped him put on 61 runs for the eighth wicket.

Grieves, going in at number seven, was last out, having batted faithfully for two hours. He hit 15 fours, mostly vicious late and square cuts.

The South African bowling generally was accurate and Hugh Tayfield, the off-spinner, had a fine spell after lunch, taking two wickets for nine runs to end the innings and finish with figures of four for 17.

FAST BOWLER ADCOCK

Ned Adcock, the fast bowler, was very lively early on and started Lancashire's troubles by dismissing both Washbrook and Wharton with only 11 runs added to the overnight score of 183.

Former Test Cricketer Wins Legislative Seat

Melbourne, June 6.

Former Australian Test cricketer, Sam Loxton, today won a seat in the Victorian Legislative Assembly by 15 votes after the distribution of preferences.

He stood as a Liberal Country Party candidate for the suburb of Brahan and was making his first bid to enter Parliament.

Loxton will be a member of the Government Party as the Liberal Country Party won the Victorian elections on May 28 from Labour. His win leaves the party only one more seat to win to give it an absolute majority. Five seats are still doubtful.

Loxton played against England in three Tests each in 1948 and 1950 against India in 1947 and in all five Tests against South Africa in 1949.—China Mail Special.

IOC To Settle The Question Of State Amateurs On June 9-19

New York, June 6.

Avery Brundage of Chicago, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), left today by Pan American plane for London, en route to Paris and the June 9-19 meeting of the IOC.

"The question of State amateurs will be fully taken up at the meeting," he told airport reporters. He refused to name any country which might be involved, but there have been many newspaper reports recently that Russia's government subsidises its star athletes.

"This question started before World War II and before Russia came into the Olympics," he said. "There have been lots of allegations but no evidence. What we want is evidence. An awful lot has been said but there is no proof. All these stories appear in newspapers."

FA Touring Team Back Minus Their Watches

London, June 6.

Members of a London Football Association team "lost" their presentation watches on reaching London airport from Basle on return from a victory over the Swiss city in the international fair cities tournament.

Sir Leslie Bowker, President of the London Football Association, had advised the chief customs officer that all members of the team and officials had received a watch from the Basle City Federation.

Customs officers refused to allow the watches in duty free and demanded £3, 10s. from the players. Players and officials refused to hand over the money and allowed the watches to be confiscated, but they are hoping they will shortly get the watches back and without having to pay duty.—China Mail Special.

HK TENNIS PLAYERS IN OXFORD TEAM

London, June 6.

Two Americans, two Englishmen and two players from Hong Kong and one Indian will represent Oxford University in the annual tennis match against Cambridge University at Eastbourne (Sussex) on July 7 and 8.

The Hong Kong representatives are the brothers, W. and D. Lo and the Indian is R. Ahmed.—France Press.

THEIR FIRST SHOW-JUMPING APPEARANCE



Foxhunter and Colonel Harry Llewellyn take a fence at the European Horse Trials at Windsor. Their first show-jumping appearance since last September. Of fourteen-year-old Foxhunter Colonel Llewellyn said: "He is in first-class form, I expect him to be just as good as ever he was".—Evening Standard Photo.

Canadian And American Cities May See Highland Games In Baseball Stadium

By J. W. TAYLOR

The Highland Games for Lil' of New York! That's the ambition of Jimmy Allison, a 38-years-old Scottish freelance publicist. Not so far-fetched as it seems, for recently he clinched a deal to stage the world-famous Calgary Stampede in Tokyo.

Allison has interested some prominent Scottish industrialists, notably Lord Bilsland. His project is to link the crowd drawing Highland Games with Scottish manufacturers of tartan, tweed, woollens, etc. He thinks that in such a way twice as many of such world famous Scots products would sell to people abroad once they were brought into visual contact with them.

Lord Bilsland has promised to talk the project over with several brother Scots manufacturers. It would mean the staging of the Highland Games in baseball stadiums during the close season in ten Canadian and American cities. The competitions would be interspersed with top models showing Scots tweeds, knitwear, sportswear and the like. Mr. Allison believes he could fill the famous New York Yankee Stadium for four consecutive days, and reckons that one full house there would bring in enough dollars to finance the whole concern.

In his interview with Bilsland, chairman of the Scottish Council (Development and Industry), Mr. Allison explained his idea of the financial aspect of the project. He wants 50 Scots manufacturers to act as "guarantors" in a non-profit-making syndicate. Every guarantor would receive his initial investment back in the event of the success which Mr. Allison feels sure will follow and competitors paid a bonus. What was left after paying all expenses would go to Scottish charities.

Mr. Allison says he has all the details worked out to a perfect plan. All he requires is the support of Scottish manufacturers to enable him to finance the details, then depart for the "four" cities in company with a Highland Games expert and a prominent businessman.

He sees the possibilities of "cute" articles like the tartan aprons selling like hot cakes at the Atlantic and visualises the apron bearing the place and year of the event. "Reckon I can make a fortune out of this," he says.

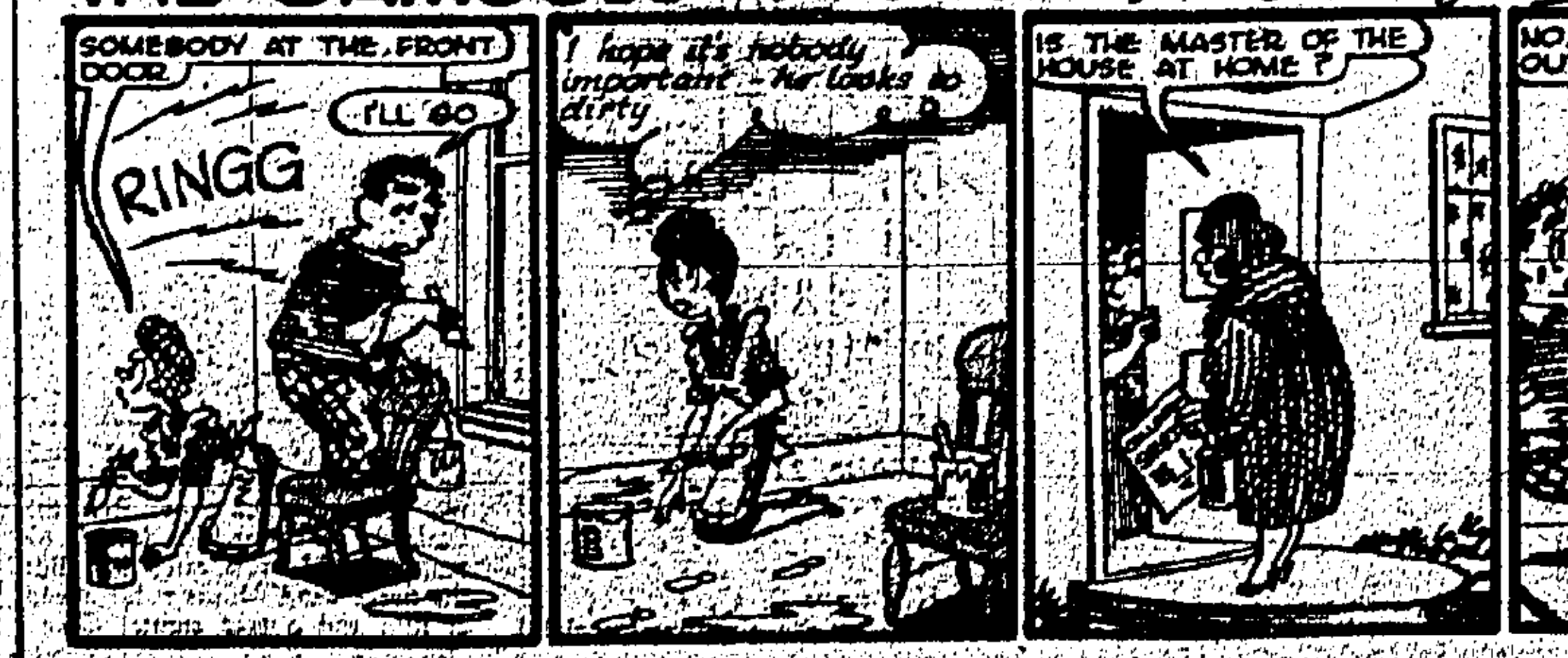
"I called on the Russian members last year on my trip to Russia and asked about these allegations, and they denied them. They said they are not breaking the rules. The point is that we have to have some evidence."

"This is simply a new manifestation of what took place in the ancient games. Certain Greek cities grabbed the best athletes in the same way some of our colleges have done."

The Paris meeting will choose the site of the 1960 Games, with Tokyo, Rome, Detroit and Lausanne among the leading cities. Mr. Brundage merely smiled and said "huh" when asked if he would campaign for Detroit.—United Press.

Peter Driver, Empire and British six-mile champion, and John Dwyer, Olympic steeplechaser, will also be in the race.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS



New York Yankees Score 7-5 Win Over Detroit Tigers

Detroit, June 6.

Big Eddie Robinson walloped a pair of homers and Bill Hunter, Gil McDougald and Mickey Mantal hit one each today to lead the League-leading New York Yankees to a 7-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

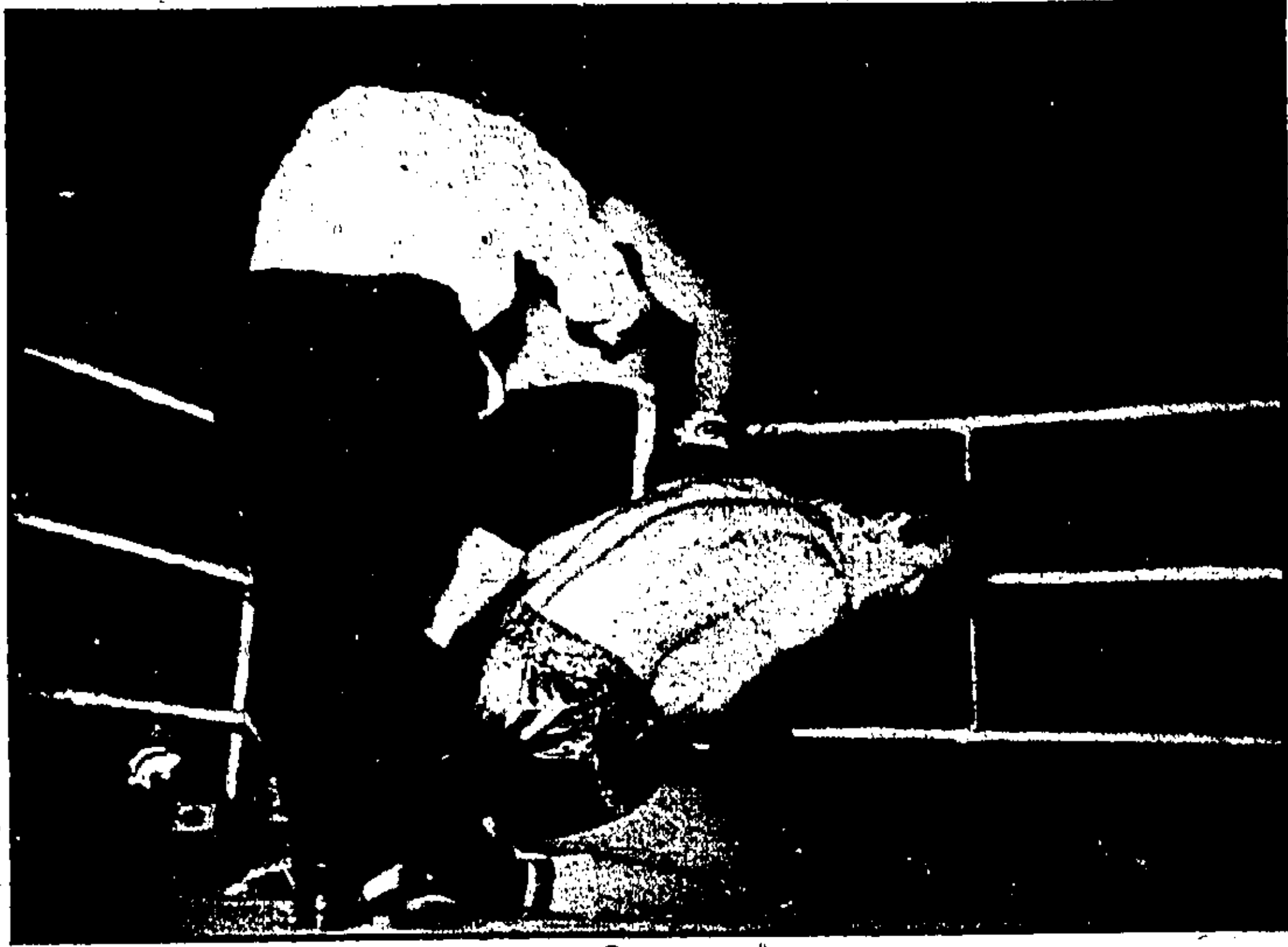
Robinson slammed a two-run homer in the second inning to produce the first runs off Southpaw Billy Hoelt in 19 innings. Hunter followed with another homer.

These runs gave Rookie Johnny Kucks a 3-0 cushion but it took a solo homer by McDougald and another two-run homer by Robinson to provide the 21-year-old right-hander with the runs he needed for victory. Mantal hit a 440-foot home run off Bob Miller, third Detroit pitcher, in the ninth.

Kucks, who posted his fourth triumph in a row, wilted in the 90-degree temperature and needed help from veteran Jim Konstanty in the ninth after singles by Bill Tuttle and Faut and a double by Jim Deling pulled the Tigers to within two runs.

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BARTON DOUBLES UP WITH PAIN



Britain's Ron Barton is doubled up with pain, his Canadian opponent Yvon Durelle is motioned away by referee I. K. Powell — and the British Empire Light-Heavyweight Championship eliminator ends in a verdict for Barton at the Royal Albert Hall, London. Durelle was disqualified for a low punch in the third round. (Reuterphoto)

Team Spirit Binds A Touring Side Together In All Test Matches

Says ARCHIE QUICK

The MCC slipped Frank Tyson into their team to play the Cricket Club Conference eleven at Lords, presumably as a "rate" attraction. He made ten runs before he was stumped off young Ian Bedford, the Finchley, "googlie" bowler who found brief fame with Middlesex a season or two ago. But when it became the turn of the Northamptonshire "Typhoon" to bowl, the club cricketers paid scant respect to the man who hammered the Australians. The first four London parks' batsmen all got into double figures and Tyson had not taken a wicket at the end of the first day's play.

Tyson was not bowling all out and the weather, cold and wet, was against him. Still the batsmen faced him with plenty of confidence. Meanwhile, the Australians whom he had trounced were engaging in a run-getting orgy in the West Indies on a placid Barbados wicket.

The likable, modest Frank plays for Northamptonshire, used to be associated with Durham. "I wish they would put the Lancashire tag on me more often," he said, "for I am Middlesex-born and proud of it. I suppose I would like to have settled at Old Trafford, but my home County thought I was too erratic when they gave me a trial. I have altered my style greatly since then, though."

Frank thought it would be a great mistake to underrate the present South African touring side simply because they had made a poor start. "And that goes for the next Australian side, too," he added. "Although we beat them in Australia a touring side has an advantage over the home country."

Team spirit binds them together. And the Aussies have enough young players coming along to mix with the experienced men to more than compensate for the ageing stars.

Richie Benaud can be a great spin bowler over here next time and I think McDonald will settle down as an opener. Davidson too should be sure of a place and Ian Craig may make a comeback. He is too good a cricketer to write off. He was tried too young; same as Brian Close.

Tyson went on to say that although he had not yet seen the South Africans they were obviously struggling in conditions completely foreign to them. "Just wait till they get the sun on their backs," he said. "I am sure they will live up to their reputation then."

Frank thought that England's team would be all the better through the number of bowlers fighting for a limited number of places. "Bedser, Trueman, Lock will all be challenging us."

GARDNER BEATS WILLIAMS AGAIN

Nottingham, June 6. Jack Gardner (Market Harborough) knocked out Johnny Williams (Rugby) here tonight in the fifth round of a final eliminator contest for the right to meet Don Cockell for his British and Empire Heavyweight titles.

Gardner and Williams are both former British Champions. It was their third meeting. Gardner won the first, also an eliminator, in 1950 and Williams the second when they met for the title in 1952.

Gardner weighed 217 lbs and Williams scaled 192 lbs. — Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis: "D" Division: PRC v KCC(1); CCSR(1) v CCR(1); CCR(2) v LRC; CCR(3) v CCR(4); PORC v KTGA(2); KCC(2) v CCSR(2); IRC v KTGA; Mixed "B" Division: Urban C. v KCC; SCAA v CCR; CCR(1) v CCR(2). Softball: Blue Eagles v Saints, King's Park 5.45 p.m. Water-Polo: Army South v EYMCA, Victoria Pool 5.15 p.m.

TOMORROW

Tennis: Men's "A" Division: SCAA v CCR; Urban Council v HKCC; Ladies "A" Division: SCAA v LRC(1); KCC v CCR; KGV v CCR; HKU v LRC(2). Meeting: Eighth ASF and OC Council Meeting, SCM Post Boardroom 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Tennis: Men's "B" Division: SCAA v KCC; LRC v CCSR; Recreio v CCR(2); CCR v RAE; KTGA v HKCC; CCR(1) v KCC; Ladies "A" Division: Recreio v LRC; USRC(2) v USRC(1). Softball: Blue Eagles v Portugal, 5.45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Athletics: Executive Committee Meeting of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association, Education Dept. 5.30 p.m.

SPORTS SURVEY

Two Accurate Marksmen On Same Target Can Split An Arrow Easily

Says ALL-ROUNDER

Many cinema-goers watching Hollywood film versions about the life of Robin Hood have been somewhat sceptical at the scene in which an arrow embedded in the centre of the target was split down the middle by a following arrow. It is, however, not as unlikely an occurrence as it looks on the screen.

Most present-day devotees of archery would be able to talk with truth of arrows on the target being damaged by following shots. Several members of the Cleaton Archers at Boldon have experienced this with some of their arrows.

One of them states that it is particularly liable to happen on indoor shoots where the range was shorter and when there was more than one accurate marksman on the same target, adding: "I have seen one of my arrows played out like the petals of a flower."

This can hardly be a popular aspect of the sport, with arrows today costing fifteen shillings each. And if arrow splitting be the result of accuracy, as they say it is, then Mr John Keirs of Whitburn, County Durham, a 29-year-old member of the Grotto Bowmen, must be somewhat troublesome.

He has won the Ascham Mazur Trophy for the bowman with the highest aggregate score over the season from an American Round of two and a half dozen arrows. His final score worked out to eight and a quarter points out of a possible nine.

Current feeling in these parts among archers is that this has put Mr Keirs well in the running as a representative of the English team this year. He hopes to split one or two arrows in international competition.

PIGEON RACING

"This is an important year for pigeon racing in the North-East, where organised competitions at national and international levels have been held for the last half century. No one realises the heaviness of this season's fixtures more than 73-year-old Mr Fred Potts, of Chester-le-Street, a retired brewery salesman."

Actually, he has little personal leisure. A pigeon fancier with many racing successes to his credit, he is the secretary of the Up-North Combine and of the North of England Homing

Union, acting in the interest of 3,000 fellow fanciers and a quarter of a million birds.

He has to have two assistants to help him in the parlour of his modern semi-detached house, whose inner walls are lined with filing cabinets. Most racing fanciers keep about 30 birds each. All are ringed.

Mr Potts has a card index record of all the markings, performances, etc., of all the racing pigeons in his area. Some eight to ten thousand pigeons are kept each year. Should any stranger fall in Mr Potts' area they can usually be traced to their owners through his comprehensive filing cabinets.

Chief concern of Mr Potts at the moment is the Grand Jubilee Race on June 11 when 11,000 pigeons from 100 in Northumberland and Durham will be released in the French town of Lille for a massed race home. And he has other races to help organise nearly every week during the season stretching into October.

There are the special races from Cornhill (June 25) and Bourges (July 9)—500 and 600 miles away—and "local" events from Selby, Redford, Grantham, Peterborough, Welwyn Garden City and Ashford in Kent.

Every week-end throughout the season two trains—"pigeons

ARMY WATERPOLO POSTPONED

The Army South v European Y.M.C.A. water-polo match scheduled to be played off at Victoria Pool this afternoon has been postponed to Monday, June 13 at 5.15 p.m. The venue remains the same.

specials"—are booked to take the birds to their starting points from North-East stations. For fights from the Continent the birds go by Bristol and Dakota air craft.

Mr Potts has ten of these booked for service to the fanciers during the summer. It costs only about a farthing a day to feed a pigeon, but the hobby takes up a great deal of the fanciers' time. In Mr Potts' card index are details of birds belonging to doctors, miners, tradesmen, shopkeepers, shipbuilders, publicans and a score of other trades and professions.

South China Team Held To A Draw

Manila, June 6. The Manila Football League's All-Chinese Selection created an upset tonight when they held the powerful South China Athletic Association team to a one-all draw.

Some 7,000 spectators saw the final performance of the visiting Hongkong footballers.

The two teams battled to a scoreless first half.

In the 14th minute of the second half, South China's centre-forward, Lee Yuk-lak, scored in a goal-mouth melee.

With seconds to go before time, right-winger Teo Sun-chuan equalised with a sizzling shot.

On Sunday, South China beat the Manila Football League selection 4-1.

The Filipino players were no match for the fast, accurate and tricky Hongkong footballers, who time and again slipped through the Filipino defence to score.

Two goals were scored in the first 14 minutes of the game by Yiu Cheuk-yin.

The Hongkong team is flying on Wednesday to New Zealand where they will play nine games after which they will proceed to Australia for six matches. — France-Press.

REVOLVING-RIM WATCH WILL HELP REFEREES

Timekeeping will be made easier for football referees by a new type of wrist-watch designed by British experts.

The watch has a revolving rim, marked zero to 45. When the referee blows his whistle, he sets the rim, and from that moment can see at a glance how many more minutes that half has to go.

The referee can adjust the rim to allow for stoppages. The watch has a minute hand to help him time interruptions.

The watch is not yet on public sale. It will be shown at the British Industries Fair.

"At present referees have no watch designed specifically for their requirements," said one of the watchmakers. "Some referees keep track of the minutes by using two stop watches and making notes."

(London Express Service)

This New British Racing Car Will Shake Continentals

A LOOK AT THE ENGINE

By ROBERT WALLING

Rodney Clarke, 6 ft. 3 in. former Spitfire pilot, designed a Grand Prix racing car for Britain. He wanted an emblem for it, and got one from Windsor Herald—a golden-winged lion (price £10 10s.).

Then the car, with a former tank captain at the wheel, shook the experts at Silverstone. It smashed the lap record first time out. A throttle-rod fracture put it out of a big race, but it was the first British car with native driver to reduce the official Formula One lap record, at 97.57 mph.

What the experts did not know was that the driver missed his gear once. The engine screamed "free. Revolutions flashed to 9,000 a minute, enough to cause disaster. But the engine did not burst. It did not even harm itself.

Which suggests this new Connaught racing car is tough enough to dispute with the dominant Italians and Germans on the world's tracks.

They have faith these Connaught men. Behind the normal facade of petrol pumps by A3 at Sand, Surrey, work 50 mechanics in Nissen huts. They have made the "works" car, which did the lap trick. Another is ready for Kenneth McAlpine, who is the financial patron, and races as well. Five more are building, one for that first-class driver, Tony Roll. More are to come. 25,000 EACH.

No millionaire or big industrialist is behind this venture. These are the cars without ballyhoo. The money that had to be found for the design and development of the first car was £15,000, but the succeeding models cost £25,000 each. The firm cannot afford yet to run a team. But discerning drivers are catching on: two of the five cars building are sold.

In the huts there is no sign of high-pressure or hurry. The men work deliberately on spotless floors and benches, tools laid out neatly. One hut has a full-size wind tunnel for testing streamlining, rare indeed in British car factories. Another has the latest engine-test gadgets.

Thirty-nine-year-old Mr Clarke says: "All we want to prove is that Britain can make a topflight Grand Prix car, like any other piece of precision engineering."

"If we can break down the prejudice against British racing cars we may be able to raise enough cash to field a team of cars. At the moment we are losing money—a little. We are able to do that due to Mr McAlpine using part of his private means."

21 YEARS OF RACING. The idea began in the summer of 1933, when the BRM story was taking a bad turn.

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Now Fairman, the ex-tank captain, who at 41 is coming up to his 21st year of car racing, is to drive the No. 1 car in the French Grand Prix at Rheims in a few weeks against the Continental cracks.

"The car is easy to handle," he says. "It has no vices, and it has more speed than I have got out of it yet." That is an admission for any race driver.

So watch this 348X-Joy, the winged lion, does against its opponents, the prancing horse of Italy's Ferrari, the trident of Maserati, and the three-pointed star of Mercedes.

(London Express Service)



Mr. Rodney Clarke (right), Connaught's chief, chats with two of his mechanics over the stripped-down engine.



Mr. Leonard Peckrey, wind-tunnel operator, places the Grand Prix model in the tunnel for tests.

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"Damaged packages are to be left
in the godown for examination by
consignees" and the company's sur-
veyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas
at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 9th June,
1955.
No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left the godown and
all goods remaining undelivered after
the 10th June, 1955, will be subject
to rent.

All claims against the vessel must
be presented to the undersigned on
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Hong Kong, June 7, 1955.

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By DAVID L. BOWEN
Associated Press Writer

The desolate and once
untravelled white wastes of
the arctic are fast becoming
a major pathway for inter-
national airlines.

Next Friday Canadian
Pacific Airlines will start
regular once-weekly flights
between Vancouver on the
Canadian west coast and
Amsterdam in the Nether-
lands.

The flights on the
4,825-mile great circle route
include only one refueling
stop each way, at Sondre
Strom Fjord in southern
Greenland eastbound and at
Churchill in Manitoba west-
bound. The polar course is
1,000 miles shorter than the
alternative route via Mon-
treal.

Second Line

Canadian Pacific is the
second airline to take advan-
tage of the time-saving
potential of polar flying. All
winter long the Scandi-
navian Airlines System pierces
the Arctic Circle four times
weekly on the schedule it
inaugurated last November
between Los Angeles and
Stockholm, with two stops
in between. The route has a
perfect safety record and
service recently was stepped
up from two roundtrips
weekly to three.

The accompanying map
shows two other routes
which are likely to become
operational within the next
year. SAS has flown ex-
perimental flights between
Stockholm and Tokyo,
flying directly across the
top of the world rather than
going the long way around
Communist Russia and
China via Rome, Cairo,
Karachi, Bangkok and
Hongkong. The polar route
would save 2,365 miles and
almost a full day in travel-
ling time. Because of the
necessary stop in Alaska,
SAS requires United States
approval before service can
begin. The application is re-
ported "in the works" at the
US State Department and
the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Pan American World Air-
ways, attempting to become
the first American carrier
flying the polar route, has
petitioned the CAB to
amend its present certificate
to Europe to permit it to
provide trans-Atlantic ser-
vice for Los Angeles, San
Francisco, Portland and
Seattle on a great circle
course.

Advantages

Col Clarence M. Young,
PAA executive vice-pre-
sident, pointed out in
announcing the petition that
the maximum advantages
of the arctic route from the
Pacific Coast are realised on
flights to the northerly por-
tions of Europe. Pan
American is the sole US-flag
carrier permanently licensed
to the United Kingdom and
is the only US airline
serving Brussels, Amster-
dam, Berlin, Copenhagen,
Helsinki, Stockholm and
Oslo.

"Pan American seeks to
provide competitive US-flag
service from the West Coast
to Europe over a route now
exclusively in the hands of
foreign-flag carriers," Col
Young said.

Canadian Pacific Airlines
has been criss-crossing the
subarctic for more than a
decade in operating regular
services on the arctic coast.
Its pilots maintain that
weather on the top of the
world is generally more
favourable than in the
latitudes usually maintained

for trans-Atlantic flights.
They claim the dry polar
air, despite its low tempera-
ture, provides smooth and
storm-free flying conditions.

In announcing the in-
crease in schedules between
Los Angeles and Copen-
hagen, SAS revealed that
during the winter its polar
flight business averaged out
at approximately 50 per
cent of capacity. With the
beginning of the vacation
season, the load factor has
shown a sharp upswing and
the airlines expects to
operate through the sum-
mer with few vacant seats.

ROBBERY AT ETON

London, June 6.

Eton, Britain's famous public
school, announced today that a
robbery took place during the
annual gathering there on
Saturday or former students.

While distinguished and
wealthy "old boys" were at-
tending one of the big social
events of the year, someone
slipped into the school museum
and whisked up 10 Roman gold
coins.

They were worth about £10.
Police presumed they must have
been taken by an enthusiastic
collector.

Detectives visited the college
today taking fingerprints, inter-
viewing boys and masters.

Housemasters appealed to boys
to report if they saw anything
suspicious on Saturday after-
noon.—China Mail Special.



Malaya's Top Terrorist Well Guarded

Kuala Lumpur, June 6.

The most heavily guarded man
in Malaya is Chin Peng, No. 1
Communist leader, one of his
former henchmen revealed in
a local press interview.

Chin Peng's former cook, Ah
Koh, who surrendered to
security forces last week said
that Chin Peng had no less
than 40 people in his personal
bodyguard. Six of them
were armed with Bren guns
and the others carried car-
bines and Stens.

On one occasion, however, the
heavy guard was useless. In

April, 1953, while Chin Peng
was holding a meeting in his
jungle hideout in Pahang with
top terrorist leaders, R.A.F.
bombers staged a surprise
attack on the camp. Two of
Chin Peng's bodyguard were
killed and three others were
wounded.

LEFT BEHIND
The three wounded men and the
cook, Ah Koh, who was suffer-
ing from "sore legs" were left
behind when the jungle boss
decided to move northwards
to avoid further attack.

They were organised into a
"cultivation unit" under one
of the district committee mem-
bers. The organiser was
killed and the others were
continually harassed by
security patrols. Two were
killed last month and the other
two surrendered.

Meanwhile, Chin Peng himself
is believed to be operating near
the Siamese border, after
having been driven out of Pahang
where he had lived undetected
for almost four years. He is
still heavily guarded.—France-
Presse.

Bandung Consolidated Indonesia As A Sovereign Nation

By Warren White

Djakarta, June 6.

There is a new air of assurance in this
Indonesian capital following the conference of 29
Asian and African countries at Bandung in April.

Its results, in the view of Western observers
here, fall into two categories: what Indonesia has
gained and what the Asian and African
participants as a whole produced at the historic
meeting.

Before the conference the
views of the Indonesian oppo-
sition politicians ranged from
grudging approval to open
hostility.

Opposition leaders today, how-
ever, admit that whatever the
Government's aims in sponsoring
the conference much more has
been achieved for Indonesia.

GENERAL FEELING

There is a general feeling
among Indonesian political
leaders that their five-and-a-
half-year-old Republic has
consolidated her recognition
as a fully sovereign nation
whose voice must be heard
in the councils of the world.

They say that the psychologi-
cal impact of successfully playing
host to such a gathering is of
concrete importance in this new
Republic. They predict that
nationalism for nationalism's
sake will be at a lower premium
and that this will divert nationa-
listic energies to producing the
administrative ability which so
far has been lacking in efforts to
build a strong economy.

Indonesia is seen as having
gained confidence from the loud
praise and congratulations which
visiting national leaders rained
on her for a conference organisa-
tion which experienced diplomats
acknowledged was superb.

Politicians admit privately
that as much as anything they
were grateful for the opportunity
to show the world, if demonstra-
tion were needed, that the post-
war Indonesian revolutionaries

had advanced a long way from
the old guerrilla days.

Western observers here con-
sider that one of the greatest
achievements of the conference
was to allay Western fears that
Asia's newly independent nations
desire alliances with Communist
countries.

Hard in hand with numerous
spirited attacks on communism
as a "new type of colonialism,"
there was ready acceptance of
the Chinese Communist Prime
Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai.

Mr. Chou came to the con-
ference as a kind of "mystery
man" partially to be feared and
not fully to be trusted. His
moderation and willingness to
compromise during the sessions,
his refusal to be provoked into
discussing ideologies and his last-
minute capture of the spotlight
by his offer to negotiate with the
United States over the Formosa
situation achieved for him a
tremendous personal success.

Conferences sources said that
of 29 nations 19 either sponsored
or supported condemnation of
communism as a "new type of
colonialism." They were re-
ported to be Turkey, Iraq, Iran,
the Lebanon, Pakistan, the
Philippines, Liberia, Libya, the
Sudan, Ceylon, South Vietnam,
Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Japan,
Ethiopia, Jordan, the Gold Coast
and Egypt.

SUPPORT

The remaining countries
who were either neutral on
the issue or opposed it were
Afghanistan, Burma, India,
Nepal, Saudi Arabia, the
Yemen and Indonesia, and
the two Communist ones—
China and North Vietnam.

Western observers here noted
also the strong current of op-
portunism during the debates for
the idealism of the United
Nations Organisation. On several
occasions Mr. Chou himself, de-
spite the fact that his country is
not a member of the United
Nations, expressed willingness
to accept United Nations
concepts.

The biggest surprise of the con-
ference, in the view of Western
observers here, was the failure
of "neutralism" to make a major
impact on the conference discus-
sions.

While the nations agreed on
the spirit of the much publicised
five principles of peace co-
existence with communism,
there was also spirited defence
of military pacts for collective
self defence.

The general feeling expressed
by Indonesian political leaders
and reflected in newspaper re-
actions here is that the Asian-
African conference will prove to
be a landmark not only in
Indonesia's history but in the
history of Asia, marking the
emergence of a new approach
to the world's problems.—China
Mail Special.

Hammar skjold Appeals To Egypt And Israel

United Nations, N.Y.,
June 6.

Mr. Dag Hammar skjold,
United Nations Secretary-
General, today asked Gen-
eral Edmond Burns, Canadian
head of the UN Palestine
Truce Commission, to ap-
peal to the Israeli and
Egyptian governments not
to increase tension.

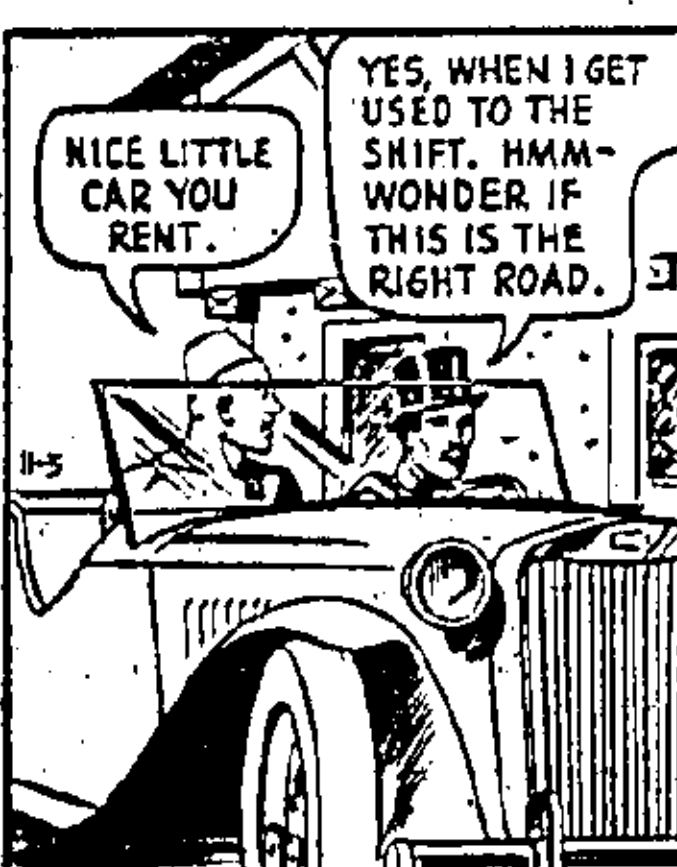
He urged that the two coun-
tries should abstain from in-
flammatory acts and state-
ments, particularly as far as
the Gaza area was concerned.

Mr. Hammar skjold's move
followed renewed incidents on
the Egyptian-Israeli frontier
and a warning attributed to
Egyptian Premier Gamal Nasser
threatening war, if Israel
should try to seize the Gaza
strip.

Gen. Burns was negotiating
with Egyptian and Israeli
government leaders in order to
try to prevent frontier in-
cidents by local surveillance
and certain precautionary steps.
—France-Press.

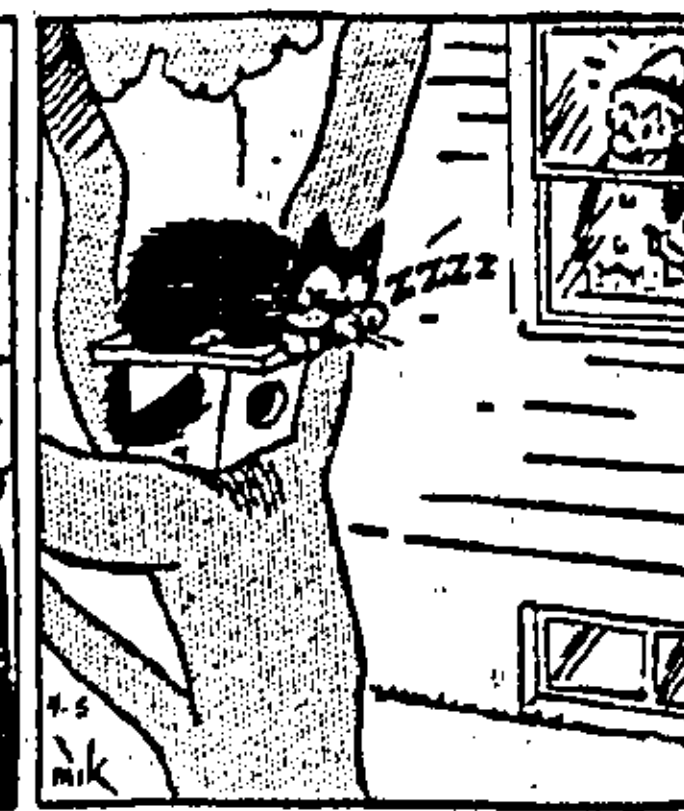
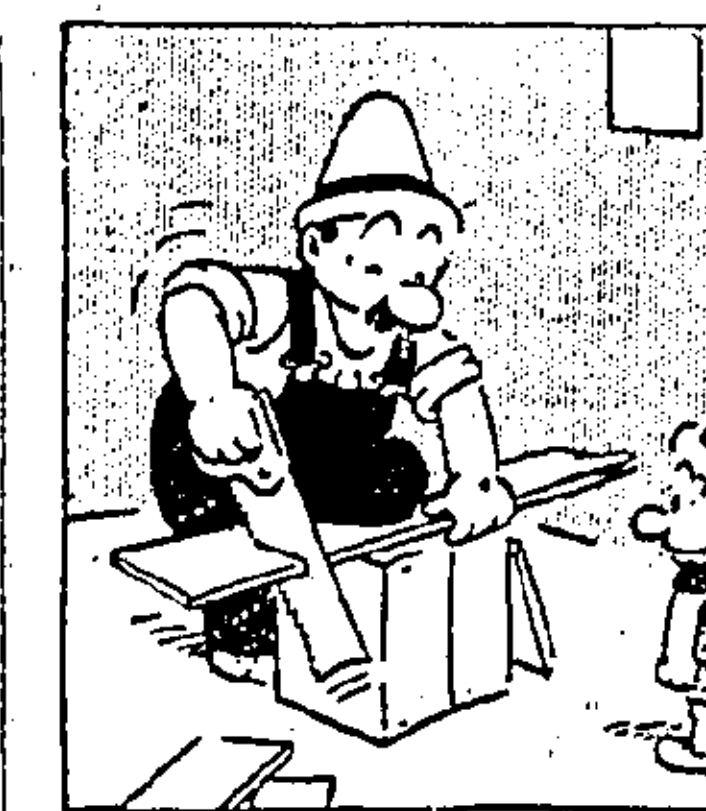
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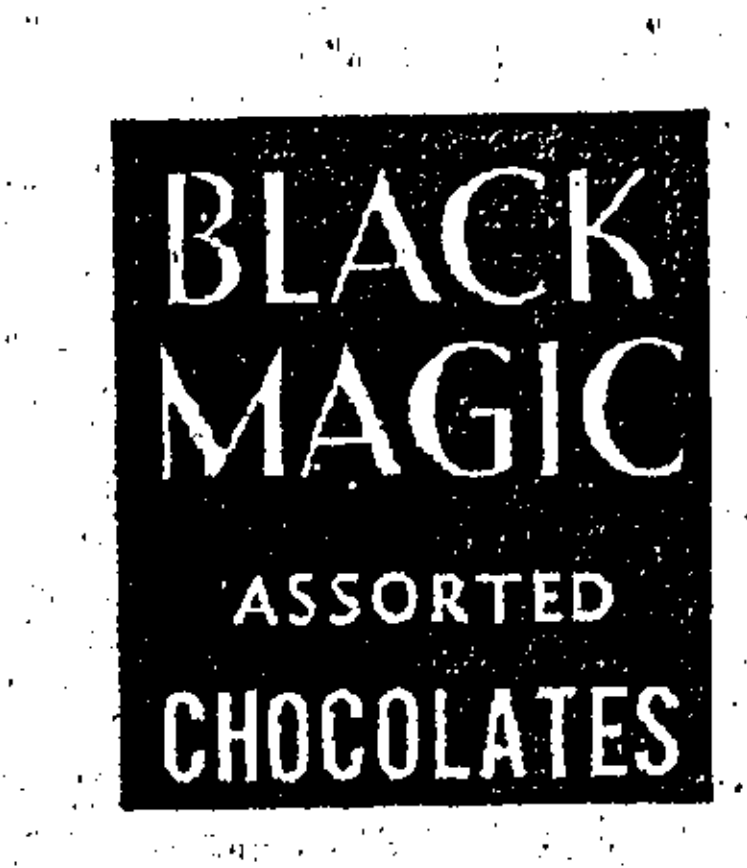
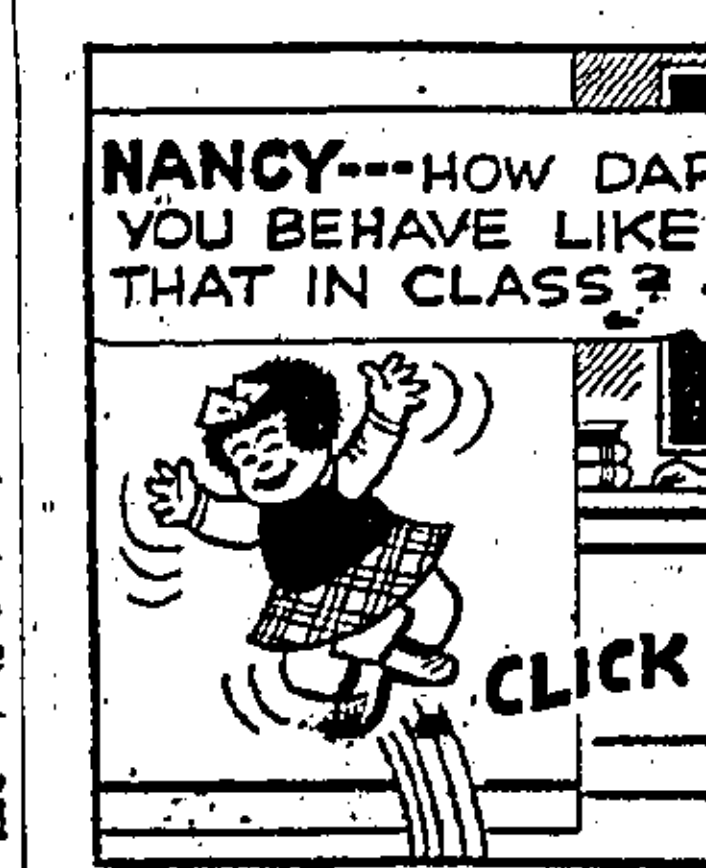
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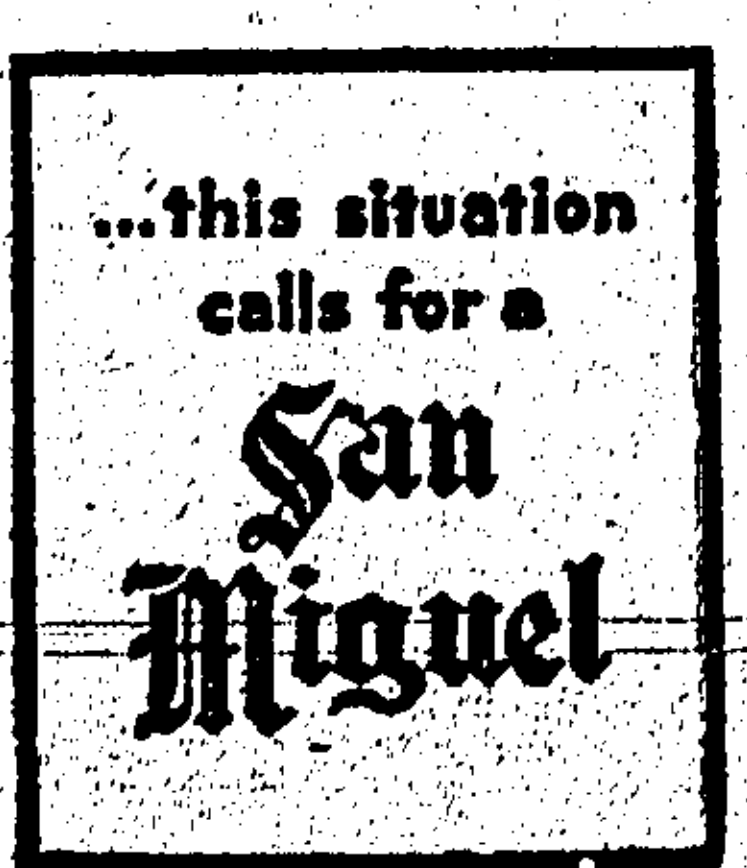
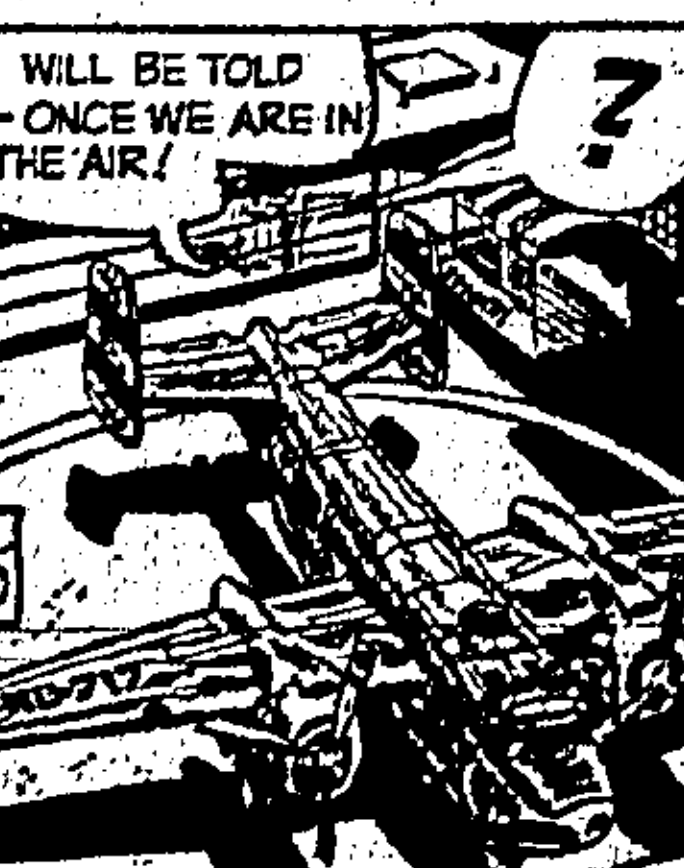
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

US LABOUR UNREST

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, June 6. Under the impetus of the settlement of the Ford wage negotiations, industrial shares set an all-time average high today.

Gains in the industrial stocks ranged to more than 2 points with a number of issues much wider gains.

Railroad shares, however, failed to join in the rise. This group was depressed somewhat because of the negotiations with the Interstate Commerce Commission over freight rates.

Market sentiment improved considerably after the Ford announcement shortly past mid-session. Before this news, the market moved aimlessly and with investors tenderly holding to the sidelines.

With peace in the automobile industry, Wall Street is betting that steel wage negotiations, which get underway tomorrow, will be settled amicably. The steel wage contract expires on June 10.

Steel shares paced industrial stocks. Armco Steel was the bright spot. It moved up 3 points to \$31 1/4. Bethlehem Steel was another feature with an improvement of 2 1/2 points to \$13 3/4.

Motors improved generally. Monsanto Chemical sparked its section. It ran up 3 1/2 points to \$14 1/2.

Elsewhere, Zenith, an advocate of pay-as-you-go television ran into some profit-taking. It fell 5 points to \$11 1/2.

Tobacco shares improved fractionally. Of the 1,182 issues traded, 563 closed higher, 366 closed lower and 8 made new lows.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$5-100,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 1,100,000 shares.

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Alcoa	29 1/2
Aluminum	29 1/2
Armco Steel	31 1/4
American Cyanamid	29 1/2
American Electric	29 1/2
American Lumber	29 1/2
American Oil	29 1/2
American Paper	29 1/2
American Rubber	29 1/2
American Steel	29 1/2
American T. & E.	29 1/2
American Tel. & T.	29 1/2
American Tobacco	29 1/2
American Wire	29 1/2
Armco Steel	31 1/4
Armstrong	29 1/2
Baldwin	29 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	29 1/2
Benjamin Franklin	29 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	31 1/4
Borden (The)	29 1/2
Burroughs	29 1/2
Canadian Pacific	29 1/2
Coca-Cola	29 1/2
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	29 1/2
Chase Nat. & Man.	29 1/2
Chile Copper	29 1/2
Chrysler Motors	29 1/2
Colgate-Palmolive	29 1/2
Commercial Credit	29 1/2
Commonwealth Elec.	29 1/2
Consolidated Edison	29 1/2
Continental Oil	29 1/2
Continental Steel	29 1/2
Corn Products	29 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	29 1/2
Curtis Wright	29 1/2
Diamond Shamrock	29 1/2
Diamond Alkali	29 1/2
Eastman Kodak	29 1/2
El Paso National Gas	29 1/2
General Electric	29 1/2
General Foods	29 1/2
General Motors	29 1/2
Gillette Safety Razor	29 1/2
Glidden	29 1/2
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	29 1/2
Goodyear Tire	29 1/2
Healy Chemical	29 1/2
Hemlock Mining Co.	29 1/2
Inland Steel Co.	29 1/2
Int'l Business Machines	29 1/2
Int'l Harvester	29 1/2
International Nickel	29 1/2
International Paper	29 1/2
Int'l Tel. & T.	29 1/2
John Hancock	29 1/2
Kansas C. Power & Light	29 1/2
Kennecott Copper	29 1/2
Liggett Meyer's Tob. Co.	29 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	29 1/2
Loew's Incorp.	29 1/2
Long Star Cement Co.	29 1/2
Louisville & Nashville R.	29 1/2
Minnesota Mining	29 1/2
Monrovia Chemical Co.	29 1/2
Montgomery Ward	29 1/2
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Penn. Salt Co.	29 1/2
Perry J. Co.	29 1/2
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U.S. Steel	29 1/2
U.S. T. & E.	29 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	29 1/2
West Va. Pulp & Paper	29 1/2
Woolworth	29 1/2

Economy Could Be Thrown Off Balance

By JOHN MORKA

New York, June 6.

A bullish US continued to roll up new production records last week against a backdrop of mounting labour unrest and possible strikes which could easily throw the economy off-balance.

Home building, instalment buying, retail sales, steel output—major bulwarks of the economy—are now at or near all-time peaks. Indications continue to grow that 1955 might well turn out to be the best in US history.

But for the moment, at least, the US watched the critical negotiations involving some 500,000 auto workers and two of the nation's auto makers—Ford Motors Co. and General Motors. A settlement has since been reached between the Ford Company and the union, but so far there is no agreement with General Motors whose workers threaten to strike at midnight Tuesday.

The auto industry is a major user of the country's output of steel, metal and rubber. It also

provides jobs for millions of workers in allied and dependent industries. A prolonged strike in this all-important industry would in time mean a definite slowdown in the existing high level of business activity.

So far this year, the US has not had any labour strikes of nationwide importance such as the steel strike several summers ago. Strike losses have, however, turned up sharply, according to latest Government tabulations. There were some 500 strikes in April with 301,000 workers affected for a loss of 2,600,000 man-days of work. This compares with 450 strikes in March involving 220,000 workers for 1,600,000 man-days.

Elsewhere

Americans are showing no inclination of cutting down on spending, and borrowing is still being used to finance the Federal Reserve reported.

At month-end, the instalment credit total was \$23,513,000,000—almost half of it on purchases of automobiles.

Pressure activity on the stock market has become more restricted. Prices for the past month or so have been generally mixed, and have moved at times in a somewhat more narrow pattern. There has been a

Government policy of cotton exports and the gradual slowdown in lint shipments overseas were other handicaps.

Brokers with Liverpool connections sold the later months in the forenoon, along with commission house and other trade interests. Mills and exporters bought on the decline.

New style October contract went to a discount under July, 1955 before trading started last week, some dealers thought the October delivery would sell at a premium of around 1 1/4 cents a pound.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month Volume Open Interest
July 18,800 22,200
August 8,800 48,800
September 9,500 55,300
October 2,900 20,900
November 2,800 23,500
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Formosa: Eden & Menon Agree On Mediation

London, June 6. The Indian roving ambassador, Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, and the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, were reported to have agreed today to press mediation efforts for a negotiated solution of the Formosa conflict.

Mr Menon conferred today with Sir Anthony at 10 Downing Street, for the second time since his arrival on Friday from 11 days of "helpful" talks with the Red Chinese premier, Chou En-lai, in Peking.

Sir Anthony and Mr Menon feel that tension in the Formosan Straits has lessened in recent weeks, but a further relaxation would facilitate full negotiation on a Formosa solution, informed diplomats said.

MPs Back To Work Today

House Of Commons Reassembles

London, June 7. Britain's newly elected House of Commons meets in formal first session today with the triumph of Sir Anthony Eden's victorious Conservatives overshadowed by the crippling nation-wide rail and dock strikes.

Since the government majority was boosted from 18 to 59 in the May 26 general election, the paralyzing stoppage by 70,000 locomotive drivers and firemen has become the key issue here.

Both the government and Labour Opposition are worried at the strikes' effect on the country's prosperity and the prospects of unemployment stalking through other industries as a result.

ELECTING SPEAKER

Few opening high spirits are, therefore, expected in parliament, where today's sole business in the House of Commons is the election of the Speaker.

The re-election of Mr. William S. Morrison, a former Conservative Minister who has been Speaker since 1951, is a virtual certainty in the centuries-old ceremony which has to be enacted before parliament can conduct any business.

The 330 Members of Parliament will be summoned to the House of Commons and told to elect a speaker. Back in their own chamber, government and Opposition back benches will formally propose Mr Morrison for the post — and after his re-appointment he will be led, apparently unwillingly, to his capricious job.

DELEGATE JOB

This is a reminder of the days when MPs did not want the post for the speaker was the messenger between the Commons and an often unfriendly monarch who bitterly resented the power of the legislature.

After Mr Morrison's election, the Commons will adjourn until tomorrow (Wednesday), when it begins the swearing in of members.

Queen Elizabeth, wearing the Imperial State Crown and glittering robes, opens the new session of parliament on Thursday with a government-written speech outlining the legislative programme for the coming weeks. — Reuters.

Wide Powers Sought

Bonn, June 6. The West German government is to ask parliament to approve a bill giving it powers to requisition or confiscate property and to deal with emergencies.

These emergencies are envisaged as natural disasters considerable danger to public order, and danger from abroad.

The bill—published today—provides penalties for evasion of requisitive order of fines up to 50,000 marks (about 24,100 sterling) or a prison sentence of up to two years where the intention was to endanger public welfare.

But there may be appeals against orders in the civil courts—a right denied under the Nazis.

The bill would help the federal government to meet its obligations concerning security and permitting the activities of Allied troops in Germany. — Reuters.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I guess I'm the intellectual type! I just sit and think and think—but all I can think about are boys!"

Official Report On Weather In May

Although last month was notable for its excessive rainfall, it was considerably sunnier and warmer than usual. The accumulated rainfall for the year was below normal at the beginning of the month, but heavy rain and thundery showers which occurred on the 9th and 10th brought the total rainfall for the year to well above average. Over 90% of the rain fell during the four days from the 8th to 11th and the month's total was a little more than one and a half times the normal value.

Conditions during the first week of the month were generally fair apart from some scattered afternoon showers, but this period ended abruptly with the passage of an active trough on the 8th when weather began to deteriorate and remained very unsettled until the 12th.

A brief fine spell followed on the 13th as the continental anticyclone intensified and brought cooler and drier air from the north to the Colony.

DRIEST DAY

The driest day of the month occurred on the 14th when the relative humidity dropped to 23% which is the lowest figure ever recorded for May at the Royal Observatory.

From the 18th to 29th temperature gradually rose again as the S.W. monsoon set in over the China Sea.

Weather became changeable with variable skies and alternating spells of showers and sunshine. Twice during this period weak surges moved south across the Colony, bringing small amounts of rain but did not cause any appreciable fall in temperature and the daily mean temperature remained above average on most of the days.

Towards the end of the month weather began to deteriorate again as a trough developed and persisted over the northern part of the China Sea, giving

IN WRONG COURTROOM

A warrant issued by Mr T. Creeden at Kowloon this morning for the arrest of a man charged with careless driving was cancelled by the Magistrate when defendant turned up in Court about an hour afterwards.

Defendant, Or Yui-lun, 33, of 153 Fei Ho Street, ground floor, claimed he had been waiting all the time in Mr Morris's Court. It was only during a recess in that Court that he learned he was in the wrong Courtroom.

His Worship, who had also estimated defendant's bail of \$500 in his absence, withdrew that order and extended the bail.

Defendant was remanded for seven days for further enquiries. He was alleged to have driven a car without due care and attention at the junction of Wuhu Street and Cushman Road on June 5.

Reasonable Doubt Of Guilt Leads To Acquittal

Saying he had come to the conclusion that he had a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the accused on all charges, Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning discharged Ng Yik-wah, 40, proprietor of the Ning Kee Trading Co., of 64 Connaught Road West, on four charges of obtaining money by false pretences. Accused was on bail of \$10,000.

Ng was charged with two counts of causing the National Industrial Bank to pay in Amoy money amounting to \$58,525 on October 8, 1954, by falsely pretending that three cheques for a total of \$95,000 drawn by him on the China State Bank were good. Two alternative counts accusing him of having obtained \$58,525 credit from the National Industrial Bank by fraud or false pretences were also preferred.

Accused was alleged to have been the intermediary who remitted funds for Chinese from the South Seas through the National Industrial Bank of China.

He was defended by Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr Francis H. B. Wong, of Messrs C. Y. Kwan and Co.

The Prosecution, conducted by Mr J. W. D. Hobbey, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector R. Dugman, of the Commercial Crimes Branch, alleged that accused had knowingly exceeded his credit at both banks when he drew the cheques which were subsequently dishonoured and that the National Industrial Bank would not have made the payments in Amoy if they had known that this was the case.

FINAL SUBMISSION

In his final submission this morning Mr Yu, after reviewing the evidence, asked whether the Crown had proved that at the time he made out the cheques the accused intended to defraud the National Industrial Bank, the National Industrial Bank, whether he knew and expected that the same cheques would be dishonoured and that he was not in a position to satisfy those cheques.

Counsel submitted that accused had no reason to believe his cheques would be dishonoured and most certainly he did not have the intention at that time to defraud the bank or anybody.

Counsel drew attention to what he called the "enlightening story" contained in the ledger of the China State Bank regarding accused's account. On October 8, he said, accused had drawn cheques for a total of just under \$100,000 and these had been honoured by the bank.

For the past five years, accused had been receiving remittances from the South Seas and he expected further remittances on October 8 and 9.

"LITTLE RECKLESS"

Counsel admitted that accused might have been a little reckless and negligent or careless in uttering the cheques concerned. The Court had had the chance of seeing accused's demeanour in the witness box, and although it might be said that he was not a bright witness, nevertheless he was far from being an untruthful witness.

In the light of the evidence, Mr Yu submitted that even if the Court disbelieved the account given by accused, he should be acquitted if the Court found his story was reasonably true.

Mr Hobbey, for the Crown, said the main evidence in the case was that of Mr Huang Kwok-wo, an official of the National Industrial Bank, who had stated positively that he would not have made the remittances to Amoy until he had received and cashed the cheques accused on October 8, and there was no reason why he should not be telling the truth. Mr Huang had said he waited for the arrival of the cheques before he made the remittances.

IMPORTANT ASPECT

His Honour commented that this was an important aspect of the case which had to be considered. If Mr Huang had sent the remittances without waiting for the cheques, he would not likely to admit that it would have been a dereliction of duty on his part.

Mr Hobbey said it was for the Court to decide whether it could reasonably accept accused's story that remittances were sent in advance of the cheques.

Discharging accused, His Honour said he had come to the conclusion that he had a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the accused on all charges.

ALLEGED ARSON Admissibility Of Evidence Issue

Hearing of the case against a 31-year-old clerk, Cheng Yu-sum, on charges of arson continued before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes in the Criminal Sessions this morning in the absence of the jury.

The accused admitted yesterday making two statements to the Police but alleged they were not made voluntarily.

The question of whether or not the statements will be admissible in evidence will be decided by his Lordship after evidence has been adduced. Cheng was alleged to have unlawfully and maliciously set fire to 148 Belcher Street, second floor, a dwelling house, on February 10, 1955. Alternatively he is alleged to have unlawfully and maliciously set fire to the same building which was an office of the Hongkong and Kowloon Fish Merchants' Association, with intent to injure or defraud. A further count alleges that Cheng unlawfully and maliciously set fire to some documents in that building.

Mr D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Div. Det. Insp. A. Anderson. Accused is not represented by Counsel.

Indonesian PM Arrives And Departs

Dr Ali Sastroamidjojo, the Indonesian Prime Minister, arrived at Kai Tak airport by a Garuda Indonesia Airways Conair plane from Canton this morning en route to the following talks with the Chinese Premier, Mr Chou En-lai.

He remained at the airfield for about an hour while the plane refuelled. Then it took off immediately after.

The Police enforced strict security measures at the airfield. About 50 Pakistani Policemen surrounded the building when it came to a stop after landing.

Nobody was allowed on the tarmac. Press photographers and reporters were not permitted to pass outside the visitors' enclosure.

Dr Sastroamidjojo entered the Governor's car after leaving the plane. The car was driven to a hangar where the Prime Minister waited while the plane was refuelled.

total cost of the building will be approximately \$4,000,000. The company acquired a piece of property on Ampang Street in Kuala Lumpur, and is now building a four-story structure known as the American International Building.

One of the chief purposes of acquiring ownership of the American International Building in Kuala Lumpur is to provide permanent home office quarters for the company's regional office.

Since the last meeting, Mr B. E. Foster Hall has resigned as both Director and Secretary. I should like to express sincere appreciation to Mr Foster Hall for the many contributions he has made to the company's advancement.

Mr J. F. R. Louth has been appointed Director to fill the vacancy created by Mr Foster Hall's resignation. As President and Secretary of the American International Reinsurance Co., Ltd., Mr Louth's advice and counsel in insurance matters have been of inestimable value. Congratulations are extended to Mr Louth for his appointment as Director.

Prosperous Year For Company

A prosperous year in the Life and General Insurance departments of the American International Assurance Co., Ltd., resulted at an extraordinary meeting this morning in the creation of 140,000 new shares (at 10s sterling) for distribution to shareholders.

The chairman Mr G. M. Hughes attributed the Company's expansion and profits to an increase of more than 20% in the total amount of life insurance, combined with a favourable mortality ratio. A tax-free dividend of 8% was passed for the present year, and the chairman proposed a dividend of at least 8% on the increased holding. He also mentioned steps taken to remedy an "adverse loss ratio" in automobile insurance.

The extraordinary meeting was presided over by Mr Hughes, Chairman of the Company, at which Mr Hughes making the chairman's report, Mr C. V. Starr, Managing Director, Mr C. V. Starr, said:

Because 1954 has been a prosperous year for the Company in both its life and general insurance departments, your Directors are again able to propose a tax-free dividend of 8% of the par value of the shares.

LIFE SALES UP

New life sales were up 18% over the previous year. The total amount of life insurance increased by more than 20% during the year, and the total life premium income was nearly 18% higher than in 1953. These facts, coupled with a favourable mortality ratio and an increased income from invested funds, have made it possible to transfer a sum of \$2,000,000 from the Life Reserve Account to the Profit and Loss Account.

The Company's Casualty Insurance operations, however, showed a loss of some \$71,000. This was largely due to an increase in the rate of automobile insurance and steps have already been taken which we believe will remedy this situation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The net gain transferred from the various Reserve Accounts to the Profit and Loss Account was \$7,100,000. This plus net interest, dividends, and other income, gave a total of \$26,500,000. Deducting expenses, Directors' fees and provisions for losses amounting to \$2,000,000, a balance of \$24,500,000 has been carried forward to the Appropriation Account, which now stands at \$21,200,000. It is recommended that this amount be dealt with as follows: transfer to the Life Reserve Account \$14,000,000; transfer to the Superannuation Fund \$5,500,000; and transfer to the Profit and Loss Account \$5,000,000.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, you will observe that the reserves and undistributed profits of the Company amount to \$26,500,000. This represents an increase of 23.1% over the corresponding figure for the previous year. The total assets of the Company stand at \$128,450,000, 23.2% higher than a year ago.

SINGAPORE OFFICE

In previous reports your Chairman has mentioned the plans for the new office building in Singapore. It is now being completed and it is expected that actual work will commence in about 30 days. The

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting mails below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

By Air:
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Korea, 5 p.m.
Hawaii, 5 p.m.
Japan, 5 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
By Surface:
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

By Air:
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 5 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
By Surface:
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, noon.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Korea, 2 p.m.
Hawaii, 2 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 3 p.m.
Canada, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

By Air:
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Korea, 5 p.m.
Hawaii, 5 p.m.
Japan, 5 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
By Surface:
Macao, 6 p.m.

FALSE ALARM

An Emergency Unit was from Central Police Station sent to the Colonial Secretariat building in Garden Road shortly after 11 o'clock this morning after receiving an alarm, only to find it was caused by a fault in the electrical alarm system.